

Date:

Dear Parent,

\_\_\_\_\_ was seen today in the office because he/she had complained of his/her eyes bothering him/her.

\_\_\_\_\_ has:

- Red eyes
- Yellow or green drainage
- Pain and swelling.

Due to these symptoms \_\_\_\_\_ could have **Pink Eye**. It is recommended that you **contact your clinic or health care provider for treatment**. The pus from the eye can cause eye infections in others. Careful **hand washing** and a **separate wash cloths** are advised. It is also important to keep his/her hands/fingers out of the eyes and face.

Thank you,  
School Nurse/School Staff

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## Quick Reference

### Bacterial Conjunctivitis

- Usually starts in one eye
- The eye is red.
- The drainage is yellow or green.
- Swollen and painful
- Treated with antibiotics
- Wash drainage from eyes before eye drops are given.
- Exclude from school until treated for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.

### Viral Conjunctivitis

- Usually associated with a cold
- The eye or eyes are red.
- There may be a small amount of light cream colored discharge.
- May be slightly swollen
- No exclusion necessary.

### Allergy or Irritated

- This does not include a chemical splash or injury but is often the result of smog or dirt.
- There may be a small amount of light cream colored discharge.
- Itchy and scratchy
- Allergy medication may improve symptoms.
- Wash the pollen or irritant out of the eyes.
- No exclusion from school is necessary.

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