

RASHES

Rashes may have many causes including heat, infection, illness, reaction to medications, allergic reactions, insect bites, dry skin or skin irritations.

Rashes include such things as:

- Hives
- Red spots
- Purple spots
- Small blisters

Some rashes may be due to contagious diseases.
Wear disposable gloves to protect yourself when in contact with any rash.

Does the student have:

- Loss of consciousness
- Difficulty breathing or swallowing?
- Purple spots that don't turn white when you press on them?
- Does the student appear extremely ill?

CALL EMS/911

Is the student possibly having an allergic reaction?

NO

Monitor breathing and initiate CPR if needed.

Contact responsible school authority & parent/guardian.
URGE MEDICAL CARE.

Are any of the following symptoms present?

- Drainage from the rash?
- Oral or tympanic temperature over 100° or axillary temperature over 99° (See "**FEVER**")?
- Headaches?
- Diarrhea?
- Sore throat?
- Vomiting?
- Rash is bright red and sore to the touch?
- Rash (hives) all over the body?
- Student is uncomfortable (e.g. itchy, sore, feels ill) and is unable to participate in school activities?

NO

NO

YES

See "**ALLERGIC REACTION.**"

YES

If unable to reach parent/guardian, allow student to rest with adult supervision. Monitor temperature every hour. If temperature reaches 104° axillary or 105° orally/tympanic, call **EMS/911**.

Document care provided.

If rash is mild, located in small area of the body, and not causing the student to be uncomfortable, student can remain in school. Contact parent/guardian with an update.