



# Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

Report outbreaks **within 24 hours** to local public health

## Additional Information:

Do not share items, such as linens, towels, washcloths, tissues, contact lenses/container, eyeglasses, makeup, or makeup brushes.

Use good hand hygiene (soap/water & alcohol-based hand rub) after contact with discharge from the eyes or articles soiled with the discharge.

Conjunctivitis is inflammation of the white part of the eye, due to viral, bacterial and allergic causes. It can be very contagious.

Symptoms include:

- Watering, irritation, and redness of the white part of the eye
- Swelling of the eyelids
- Crusting of lashes
- Sensitivity to light
- Pus-like discharge may occur

Incubation Period	Unknown
Contagious Period	<b>Viral</b> - until the eye is no longer red or producing discharge <b>Bacterial</b> – until 24 hours after antibiotics started OR until eye no longer red or producing discharge <b>Allergic</b> – not contagious.

## Recommended Actions

Refer to a health care provider for evaluation and management.

### Cases:

Exclude an acute case until the symptoms of acute conjunctivitis subside or treatment for acute conjunctivitis is initiated and maintained for 24 hours.

### Contacts:

None

Please see [Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-318](#) for specific language.

\*If you have questions please call public health for assistance and recommendations.\*

## Transmission

Transmission occurs through direct contact with the discharge from the eyes or items soiled with discharge.

## Prevention

Employ good [hand hygiene](#)

Avoid touching or rubbing eyes

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## Resources

- [ADHS Conjunctivitis Fact Sheet](#)
- [CDC Conjunctivitis](#)