**TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH STAFF**

**Conjunctivitis**

Authorized health and wellness staff may treat conjunctivitis as follows:

1. When exudate is not present and the conjunctiva is red and irritated re-evaluate the student in 24 hours. If the condition is not resolved, have the center physician see the student.
2. Take a careful history for trauma, toxins and irritants in the eye. If the history is positive, irrigate the eye(s) and call the center physician.
3. In the presence of exudates, begin ophthalmic antibiotic treatment until the center physician evaluates the student.
4. In the presence of allergic conjunctivitis, begin ophthalmic anti-allergy treatment until the center physician evaluates the student.
5. Swelling and redness of the eyelids may indicate the presence of a serious infection and requires immediate evaluation by the center physician.

# WHEN TO REFER TO CENTER PHYSICIAN

* If the condition does not resolve in 24 hours after treatment
* If there is eye pain or change in vision
* If there is a history of trauma, toxins, or irritants in the eye
* If swelling and redness of the eyelids are present