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## **Throat Culture Program**

**JHCE-R**

In order to implement a throat culture program, the following procedures and regulations apply:

1. Throat cultures may be given only to those students demonstrating illness or infection.
2. If a student receives a positive throat culture, the student, the parent, the teacher and respective administrator will be notified. The student may not reenter school until treatment has been secured according to current medical standards of care by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) or a negative culture is demonstrated.
3. Students with positive cultures may be re-cultured in 14 days at parental request or if symptoms exist in the judgment of the nurse or teacher. If positive again, the above procedure will be followed. When a repeat positive occurs, all immediate family members shall be encouraged to come to the school for a throat culture. Siblings in school will be cultured.
4. Cost of the throat culture program will be assumed by the district.

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