Cellulitis is a bacterial infection of the skin. Cellulitis can sometimes occur following trauma to the skin, even a simple bug bite or cut that the patient scratches that then gets infected.

**Symptoms of Cellulitis**
- Skin looks red and will usually be warm to the touch
- If the area of redness is expanding the child needs medical attention

**Is Cellulitis Contagious? What is its Duration?**

Cellulitis is not contagious and can not generally be transmitted from person to person.

**Treatment & Symptom Management**

Dependent on the location and area of cellulitis, a sick child will either receive oral or IV antibiotics.

**Prevention**

Prevention includes good skin washing and avoiding touching/picking at areas helps decrease chances of infection.

**When Can a Sick Child Return to Day Care, School, and other Social Settings?**

A sick child should be excluded from social settings until they are able to participate in normal activities.