1. Throat cultures are given Monday through Friday while school is in session.

2. Referral can be made by teachers, parents, or students themselves, based on symptoms of sore throat, coughing, fever, stomach ache, lymph adenitis and/or earache.

3. Throat cultures are sent to the State Health Laboratory in Cheyenne, Wyoming for testing to determine if the culture is positive for strep throat. If the culture tests positive, the school is notified. The school then notifies the parent by phone or written notice, and the doctor's office, if applicable.

4. A student, who tested positive, may not enter school until he/she has received at least one dose of prescribed medication, an injection, or has a doctor's written permission to return to school without treatment.

5. If two or more students in a class have positive cultures, the school nurse may use his/her judgment in culturing other symptomatic students of that class.

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