Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

Pink eye is usually self-limited, and rarely results in serious complications. Symptoms can last 7-10 days but most often resolve within 5 days. Self-limited infections can be treated without seeing a medical provider.

**Symptoms:**
- Redness
- Discharge/tearing
- Itching/burning

**Self-care measures:**
- Stop using contact lens until you no longer have symptoms
- Do not use eye makeup
- Do not rub or touch your eyes
- Use artificial tears or saline drops (Examples: CMC/Glycerin drops or Refresh Plus®)
- Use cold compresses

**Limit spread to others:**
- You may be contagious for 7-14 days. While this should not prevent you from attending classes or other events, you should follow precautions to prevent spread to others.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water
- Do not share towels
- Avoid intimate contact with others
- If you work in a health care setting, child care setting, or handle food you should not work until there is no discharge from the eye

**When to seek care from a medical provider:**
- You have a known injury to the eye
- If you have moderate/severe pain to one or both eyes
- If you have any loss of vision (not just blurry)
- For symptoms lasting more than 7-10 days