TPPC INFORMATION HANDOUT:

**<| CONJUNCTIVITIS |>**

 (One of many causes of "Pink-Eye")

Conjunctivitis is an inflammation or infection of the conjunctiva (the membrane lining the eyelid and covering the eyeball) .This condition may be due a bacteria, virus, allergy, or other chemical or physical irritants. Due to the different causes of conjunctiva, there are different treatments. If it is viral, it is highly contagious. It is very important to encourage **frequent and thorough hand washing** to prevent its spread. The term "pink eye" is rarely used by doctors because there are so many different conditions which can cause the eye to be pink.

**TREATMENT**

 Use only your own facial care items, and do not lend them to others. Your hands should be washed frequently. Cool compresses may be beneficial. All medications are individualized. Do not take or give any medication without consulting us.

**NOTIFY US FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

 Increased pain in the eye

 Vision changes.