

Mumps

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

A student in your child's classroom has been reported as having Mumps. Mumps is a contagious viral illness. Two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine are required for school enrollment. For pupils who are properly immunized, the risk of contracting mumps is small.

It is advisable that you watch your child for possible early symptoms of this disease. Mumps ordinarily develops within 12-25 days after exposure. It usually starts out suddenly with fever, chills, and swelling and tenderness at the angle of the jaw. It is painful to open the mouth and swallowing often becomes difficult.

Should any of the above symptoms appear, in order to guard the health of your child and others, keep your child home for 9 days after the onset of swelling. Consult your physician. Report the illness to the principal.

Complications may occur with Mumps. Symptoms such as abdominal cramps, pain, nausea, vomiting, swelling and pain of the testicles, and headache should be reported to your physician immediately.

Your child may return to school when your physician provides a written clearance which states your child is well and can attend school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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