



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to inform you that we have received a reported confirmed case of impetigo in your child's classroom. Impetigo is a contagious skin infection, which is often mistaken for "fever blisters" or "cold sores". This common infection does not clear up without treatment and may spread rapidly through a school.

If you suspect that your child has impetigo, he/she **Must Not Attend School Until Treated**.

The infection often appears near the mouth or nose, beginning as a thin blister full of watery fluid. The blister increases in size, the secretion forms thick crusts, and other blisters appear. The condition may spread rapidly and involve a large part of the face and head. It is also commonly found on the hands and it sometimes spreads to the rest of the body.

The cause of impetigo is a germ found in the secretion of the blisters and sores. The disease is spread by contact with this secretion or with anything which has been contaminated by it.

Please have your child see their family health care provider if they develop a rash.

Your child may return to school if under treatment and lesions are lightly covered while in school. In more severe cases oral antibiotics may need to be prescribed by your health care provider.

You should contact your child's physician if the above symptoms are noticed. Good hygiene measures, like frequent hand washing, washing contaminated surfaces and clothing are the **best** way to lower your child's risk and spread of infection.

Please notify the school if your child has been diagnosed with Impetigo.

The classroom is being cleaned and doing what is appropriate to prevent the spread of the disease.

Thank you for your cooperation.