

Exposure Notice

SCARLET FEVER/STREP THROAT (STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS)

Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE: *Your child has been exposed to a Scarlet Fever/Strep Throat.*

Description: Strep Throat and Scarlet Fever are contagious bacterial infections- **Scarlet Fever is Strep Throat *with* a rash.** The infections are contagious from the time the fever and sore throat start until approximately ten days after. Symptoms of both infections may include fever, sore throat, tender glands in the neck and pharyngitis (hoarseness or loss of voice). An additional symptom of Scarlet Fever is a rash appearing on the neck, chest, under arms, elbow, groin and inner surfaces of the thighs. If your child complains of a sore throat and has an elevated temperature, it is *highly recommended* that you take him/her to see a doctor to have a throat culture taken. This is the only way to determine whether or not your child has Strep Throat.

Communicability: Strep Throat and Scarlet Fever are transmitted by direct contact with an infected person's saliva (such as kissing, sharing cups and eating utensils) or contaminated objects. Children should be kept in bed as long as there is a fever. *Children with Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever may return to school after 24 hours of treatment.*

Treatment: Your child's doctor may prescribe antibiotics such as penicillin or amoxicillin. It is important that your child completes the course of medication prescribed for the infection to prevent further complications.