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SCABIES EXPOSURE NOTICE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child may have been exposed to the communicable disease or condition detailed below. The information provided does not replace talking with your health care provider if your child is ill. *If your child has symptoms, please seek diagnosis and treatment from your health care provider as soon as possible.*

SCABIES: An infestation of the skin by the human itch mite.

What are the symptoms? Intense itching and a pimple-like skin rash.

How is it spread? Scabies is spread by direct, prolonged, skin-to-skin contact with an infected person. It can sometimes spread indirectly by sharing articles such as clothing, towels, or bedding used by an infected person.

When do symptoms start? Symptoms may take as long as 4 to 6 weeks to develop if a person has never had scabies before. In a person who has had scabies before, symptoms usually appear 1 to 4 days after being exposed.

Should I keep my child at home and away from group settings (i.e. preschool, childcare)? Yes, **until** treatment is completed (usually overnight) **and** child meets preschool/school's readmission criteria.

Any questions concerning this exposure can be directed to your child's preschool/school office at (650) 562-7611.

For additional information about this communicable disease, visit

http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/scabies/gen_info/faqs.html or

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/Scabiesfactsheet2008.pdf>.

Remember, washing your hands before preparing or eating food and after using the bathroom or changing diapers prevents the spread of disease.