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IMPETIGO 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.*

IMPETIGO: A common skin infection caused by streptococcal and staphylococcal bacteria.

What are the symptoms? Itching, draining or crusting sores, often on the face, but can be anywhere on the body.

How is it spread? Impetigo is spread through direct contact with mucus from the nose or throat of people who are infected, through contact with infected wounds or sores on the skin, or from contaminated surfaces.

When do symptoms start? Symptoms usually begin 4 to 10 days after being exposed to the bacteria.

Should I keep my child at home and away from group settings (i.e. preschool, childcare)? Yes, **until** 24-48 hours of treatment have passed **or** until sores are no longer present **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 www.cdc.gov.

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