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## Strep Throat at School

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We want to inform you that we have a few reported cases of confirmed strep infections at your child's school. Strep infections are caused by a bacteria known as streptococci and are highly communicable. A strep infection is always serious because the germs may damage the heart, kidneys, and ears.

The time from exposure to development of the first symptoms is usually from one to four days.

Sore throat and fever are the first warning signs of a strep infection. There may also be a headache and vomiting and possibly a rash. When your child complains their throat is hurting and he seems feverish, please keep your child home in bed and call your doctor.

Strep infections are usually spread by direct contact with an infected person through droplets from sneezing and coughing. The germs are present in the nose, throat, and mouth of the infected person.

The infection is especially communicable in the early stages. Prompt medical treatment can quickly render them non-infectious and reduce the possibility of serious complications.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's school office. .