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Dear Colleague:

Over the last several months, there have been numerous confirmed cases of mumps in the Puget Sound region. Today, we received from the Snohomish Health District notification of two confirmed cases of mumps --one at Everett High School and one at Hawthorne Elementary School.

The staff and families at both schools have been informed. In addition, the families of students attending those schools who are not immunized against mumps have been notified directly that their children are being excluded from school to prevent the mumps from spreading, in accordance with Washington State Health Department and Centers for Disease Center for Prevention(CDC) guidelines.

Information about mumps was shared with district families and staff in January. Families of unimmunized students were also notified that their children would be excluded from school in the event of a confirmed case of mumps. Working in collaboration with Snohomish Health District, our staff implemented a process for identifying and communicating with families in the event of a case of mumps.

Mumps is a contagious disease. Symptoms typically include fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, and loss of appetite. Its most distinctive symptom is swelling of the cheeks, neck, or jaw. Only a health care provider can diagnose and test for mumps. If you have any questions about your personal health status, please contact your healthcare provider. If you have any process questions, please contact your supervisor.

If you are interested in more information about mumps, I encourage you to use the following links:

Washington Department of Health

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Mumps/MumpsOutbreak>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, mumps vaccination:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mumps/vaccination.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MMR vaccine – what everyone should know:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mmr/public/index.html>

Best regards,



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