

Notice of Exposure to Contagious Disease

Center: _____

Date: _____

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

A child in our program has: SCARLET FEVER

Information about this disease:

The disease is spread by: Direct contact with the respiratory discharges of infected person.

The Symptoms are: Skin rash, which consists of fine, red bumps, that feel like sandpaper and appear on the neck, chest, groin and/or inner surfaces of the knees, thighs and elbows. High fever before the rash.

The disease can be prevented by:

1. Good hand washing
2. Avoid contact with nasal discharge and mucus

When should children with this illness be excluded? Children diagnosed with scarlet fever can return to the center 24 hours after antibiotics are started. Child must also be fever free for 24 hours, without Tylenol or Motrin.

What the program is doing to reduce the spread:

1. Good hand washing
2. Teach children to use tissues or cough into their elbow or shoulder
3. Teach children not to share food, eating utensils or toothbrushes
4. Open windows & lots of outdoor time.

What you can do at home to reduce the spread:

1. Good hand washing
2. Use tissues when sneezing or wiping noses
3. Open windows often for lots of fresh air

If your child has any symptoms of this disease, call your health care provider to find out what to do and be sure to tell them about this notice. If you do not have a regular health care provider to care for your child, ask staff here for a referral. If you have any questions please contact:

Family Worker/Home Visitor

Phone Number