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TO: PRINCIPALS/BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS

FROM: Elizabeth Craft, RN *EC*
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RE: COXSACKIE VIRUS

DATE: September 28, 2018

Coxsackie virus also known as hand, foot and mouth disease is an illness caused by a virus, and can be common in the summer months and the early fall. The virus can be found in the throat, nose and feces (poop) and may also appear in the blister fluid of an infected person. As a precautionary measure your school nurse will continue to be extra vigilant in checking students, who present in the health office, for fever, sore throat, feeling unwell, and also check for tiny sores in their mouth or blisters on the palms of their hands and the soles of their feet, if indicated. If symptoms are present, the parent will be contacted and advised to contact their child's private pediatrician.

To prevent the spread of this virus, we encourage all students (PreK-12) to cover coughs and sneezes, avoid close contact (including kissing), do not share water bottles, observe bathroom hygiene and to **wash hands often**.

Students who have the virus should remain at home until the fever (100°F) is gone, and any drooling due to mouth sores has stopped. Medical clearance is expected to return to school.

Contact your school nurse for additional information or feel free to call me at #10725.

Approved:

Susana Peron, Acting Deputy Superintendent



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To prevent the spread of this virus, we are encouraging all students (PreK-12) to cover coughs and sneezes, avoid close contact (including kissing), do not share water bottles, observe bathroom hygiene and **wash hands often**. (Respiratory and Enteric precautions should be observed)

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Additional information can be found at:

NJDOH: http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/faq/hfmd_faq.pdf

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/index.html>

Please contact this office if you have suspected or confirmed cases. #10722

As always, thank you for your efforts.

Approved:

Susana Peron, Acting Deputy Superintendent