



PUBLIC HEALTH FACT SHEET

MUMPS

Dear Parent:

This is to bring to your attention that a case of Mumps has been reported for a student in your child's classroom and to provide you with information about this disease. If your child exhibits any of the symptoms described below, it is recommended that you consult your healthcare provider or the Department of Health in Duval County Epidemiology Program at 904-253-1850.

What is Mumps?

- An infectious viral disease

What are the symptoms of Mumps?

- Fever
- Headache
- Earache
- Males may have swollen testicles
- Swelling and tenderness of the salivary glands (by the ear or jaw line)

How is Mumps spread?

- By direct contact with the nose and mouth secretions of an infected person

How can Mumps be prevented?

- Follow recommended immunization schedules for the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine
- Exclude sick children or adults from daycare, school or work

Implications for school

- Exclude students or staff who have been diagnosed with the disease
- Must have a healthcare provider's note to return

Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
www.cdc.gov

American Academy of Pediatrics:
<https://healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/abdominal/Pages/FoodPoisoning-and-Food-Contamination.aspx>