



PUBLIC HEALTH FACT SHEET

SALMONELLA

Dear Parent:

This is to bring to your attention that a case of Salmonella 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 Salmonella?

- A germ found in the feces of infected people and animals
- Commonly called "food poisoning"

What are the symptoms of Salmonella?

- Diarrhea
- Fever
- Nausea
- Abdominal pain or stomach cramps

How can Salmonella be prevented?

- Wash hands after using the bathroom and before preparing or eating food
- Wash your hands after handling animals or reptiles (turtles, lizards, snakes)
- Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold
- Keep food preparation area and utensils clean
- Cook meat, eggs, chicken, turkey and sausage well
- Supervise hand washing of toddlers and children

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>