

MUMPS ALERT

Important Notice to Parents

3/21/18

The District has been notified that a Middle School student has been diagnosed with a suspected case of mumps.

Mumps is a virus that causes painful swelling of one or more salivary glands, a low-grade fever, and headache. Typically, persons with mumps have swelling of the gland located in the cheek area near the ear and at the back angle of the jaw. Some people with mumps infection have very little or no gland swelling. Also, with males, mumps can cause swollen testicles or discomfort.

Mumps is spread by coughing and sneezing or direct contact with the saliva of an infected person. Symptoms of mumps usually develop 16 to 18 days after exposure, but may develop from 12 to 25 days after exposure.

As recommended by the New York State Health Department, it is important you **contact your child's health care provider if your child develops any swelling of the glands around the ears or neck.** If the health care provider thinks your child has mumps, he/she should be tested for mumps and stay home from school.

If you have further questions about mumps, please contact the School Nurse in the building in which your child attends.

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