

November 17, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Yesterday we received information that a student in the high school has been diagnosed with a probable case of the mumps. Since mumps is spread by coughing and sneezing or direct contact with the saliva of an infected person, the chances of spreading is minimal. However, since the student interacted with students in the high school, middle school, and Duzine Elementary School, there is a possibility that some students in those buildings may have been exposed.

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 have very little or no gland swelling. Also with males, mumps can cause swollen testicles or discomfort. Symptoms of mumps usually develop 16 to 18 days after exposure, but may develop anywhere from 12 to 25 days after exposure.

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

If you have further questions about mumps, please contact the school nurse in the building your child attends.

Sincerely,



Maria C. Rice  
Superintendent