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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A student at Port Colden School may have been diagnosed with hand, foot, and mouth disease. This is a mild viral infection common in young children characterized by sores in the mouth and a rash on the hands and feet. The most common cause of hand-foot-mouth disease is infection with the coxsackievirus A16.

A person usually gets sick with fifth disease within 3 to 6 days after being infected. A fever is often the first sign of hand-foot-mouth disease, followed by a sore throat and sometimes a poor appetite and malaise (feeling unwell). Other symptoms may be blister like lesions on the tongue, gums, and inside the cheeks, red rash, and irritability.

Any child with a fever should not attend school. If your child develops a fever, please do not send them to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications. If your child has been diagnosed with hand, foot, and mouth disease, follow your health care provider's directions as to when your child can return to school.

If your child has any symptoms of this disease, call your doctor or other healthcare provider to find out what to do.

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse, Ms. Barzdines, at 908-689-0681 ext. 2507.

Thank you,

WTSD Administration

