Dear Parents:

On __________________________ your child may have been exposed to the communicable disease or condition that is listed below. The information provided does not replace talking with your healthcare provider if your child is ill. *If your child has symptoms, please seek diagnosis and treatment from your healthcare provider.*

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/CONDITION**

**IMPETIGO**: A common skin infection caused by streptococcal or staphylococcal bacteria.

*What are the symptoms?* Small red pimples or fluid-filled blisters with crusted yellow scabs. The pimples or blisters are often on the face, but may appear anywhere on the body.

*How is it spread?* Touching the wounds or sores of an infected person or from contaminated surfaces. Many people carry this bacteria on their skin without showing symptoms.

*When do symptoms start?* 1 to 10 days after exposure.

*Do I need to keep my child home?* Yes. However, your child may stay until the end of the program or school day, but must keep the blisters covered.

*When can my child return to school/childcare?* Your child can return the day after antibiotic treatment has started as long as the blisters are covered. The blisters must be kept covered until they are dry.