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EXPOSURE NOTICE

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

SALMONELLA: A bacteria that causes diarrhea.

What are the symptoms? Diarrhea, stomach cramps, fever, nausea, and/or vomiting.

How is it spread? Eating or drinking contaminated food or water. Handling items contaminated with the feces of a person or animal (especially poultry and reptiles) that has this illness.

When do symptoms start? 6 hours to 3 days after exposure to the bacteria.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes.

When can my child return to school/childcare? Your child can return when your child has been symptom free for at least 48 hours without the use of medication.

GOOD HANDWASHING BEFORE PREPARING OR EATING FOOD AND AFTER USING THE TOILET OR CHANGING DIAPERS PREVENTS SPREAD OF THIS DISEASE