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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**

**STREP THROAT and SCARLET FEVER:** Diseases caused by group A streptococcus bacteria.

**What are the symptoms?**

- *Strep throat:* Fever, sore throat, and occasionally stomach pain.
- *Scarlet fever:* Fever and sore throat, plus a fine red rash on the body. Rash commonly occurs on neck, chest, armpits, and/or groin area. Rash may feel like sandpaper.

**How is it spread?** Touching mucus from the nose or saliva from the mouth of an infected person.

**When do symptoms start?** 1 to 5 days after exposure to the bacteria.

**Do I need to keep my child home?** Yes, and take your child to a doctor.

**When can my child return to school/childcare?** Your child can return 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.