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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

TYPHOID/PARATYPHOID FEVER: Bacterial illnesses that cause fever and other symptoms.

What are the symptoms? Fever (often high, 103–104 °F), headache, stomachache, lack of appetite, diarrhea, and/or rash.

How is it spread? Consuming food and drinks contaminated with the feces of people who have the bacteria in their bodies.

When do symptoms start?

- Typhoid fever: 3 days to over 60 days.
- Paratyphoid fever: 1 to 10 days.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes.

When can my child return to school/childcare? Children under 5 years of age (and children over 5 years of age who wear diapers) will be restricted* from group care. Children who were restricted can return only when cleared* by the Public Health Department.

Children who are not restricted can return when they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours without the use of medication.

***Restriction and Clearance:** Restriction is defined as removing a child from group care until the child is no longer infectious. Clearance means that the child's feces are tested at the Public Health Laboratory to confirm that the bacteria is no longer present.

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