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To: Parents at \_ \_ School From: \_

Re: Notification about Chickenpox

This is to inform you that there is a case of chickenpox in your child’s classroom at (name of school) in the (classroom/grade). Please check your child’s immunization (shot) record to make sure he or she is protected against chickenpox. Your child is protected if they have been sick with chickenpox or if they have received two chickenpox shots. See the Chickenpox Fact Sheet for information about the disease.

Chickenpox disease can be a mild or severe illness. Some children need to spend time in the hospital. It is not possible to know who will have a mild case of chickenpox and who will have a serious or even a deadly case of chickenpox. Do not risk having your child get chickenpox. The chickenpox shot is a safe and helpful vaccine. Protect your child by vaccinating your child.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends two chickenpox shots for all children who have not been sick with chickenpox. The first shot should be given at 12-15 months of age followed by the second shot at 4-6 years of age. If your child has had only one chickenpox shot, it is recommended that they get the second shot as soon as possible.

If your child becomes ill with chickenpox, he or she will need to stay home until the blisters begin to dry and form a scab.

If you would like to talk with a nurse to learn more about chickenpox disease or the chickenpox shot, please call Waukesha County Public Health Division at (262) 896-8430.