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To: Parents at School From:

Re: Notification about Mumps

This is to inform you that there is a case of mumps 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 mumps. Your child is protected if they have been sick with mumps or if they have received the recommended vaccination series for mumps. See the Mumps Fact Sheet for information about the disease.

Mumps disease can be a mild or severe illness. It is not possible to know who will have a mild case of mumps and who will have a serious case. Do not risk having your child get mumps. The mumps shot is a safe and helpful vaccine. Protect your child by vaccinating your child.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends two MMR shots for all school-age children. 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 MMR shot, it is recommended that they get the second shot as soon as possible.

If your child becomes ill with mumps, he or she will need to stay home until 5 days following the onset of parotitis.

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