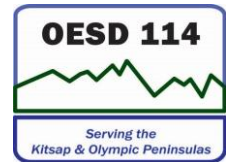




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OESD Head Start / ECEAP/ Early Head Start

EXPOSURE NOTICE

Date :

To: All Parents

From: Your Child's Classroom

Subject: **Impetigo**

Your child may have been exposed to Impetigo. Please watch for signs of it in the next 1 to 10 days.

Appearance: An itchy skin infection that looks like blisters or open sores of various sizes and shapes. When scratched the blisters open and ooze then crust over. The sores may continue to grow larger and spread. The usual place for them to appear is on the face, arms and legs although they can infect any skin area.

Cause: Bacteria (Usually Staph or Strep)

Spread: Direct contact with sore or contact with contaminated hands or articles.

Treatment: Follow doctor's recommendation. May be difficult to identify. Lab tests may be necessary. There is no specific treatment although bed rest is usually encouraged.

Return to Class: Follow doctor's recommendations. Child should stay home during acute phase of the illness - the time when the child does not feel well - usually about a week.

Prevention: Soap and water cleansing of minor skin breaks. Frequent hand washing.

If you have questions, please contact your classroom's Family/Health Advocate, the Health Program Manager 360-478-6878, or Kitsap Public Health District Communicable Disease Nurses at 360-728-2235.

If staff have concerns about a child's ability to safely return to class, we reserve the right to request a note from the child's health care provider.
