

The logo for Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools is a maroon banner with a white outline. The text "STOW-MUNROE FALLS" is written in white, uppercase letters, and "CITY SCHOOLS" is written in yellow, uppercase letters below it. The banner is set against a background of a yellow horizontal bar above and a maroon horizontal bar below.

**STOW-MUNROE FALLS
CITY SCHOOLS**

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are reaching out to update you regarding our district response to prevent the spread of Hand, Foot, & Mouth Disease. At this point, we have 26 confirmed cases of HFMD in the district out of 5300 students. Some of these confirmed cases were previously diagnosed, and the students are symptom-free and have returned to school.

In order to prevent the spread of HFMD within the school, we have taken the following steps:

- More intensive cleaning procedures using hospital grade disinfectants at all buildings and especially in areas where students with confirmed cases may have been.
- Students have been asked to take home and wash personal items such as clothing, water bottles, and equipment.
- Prevention education for all athletic teams.
- All staff have increased opportunities for students to wash their hands during the school day.
- Encouraging students to not share drinks, food, chapstick, or other items which may have come into contact with their mouth.

If your student has been diagnosed with HFMD, please keep him/her out of school until the fever has broken for a full 24 hours AND the blisters/sores are no longer present or have crusted over.

As a district, we take the health and safety of our students very seriously, and it is always our highest priority. We will continue to take precautions to ensure that we are providing a healthy learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Kristen Prough

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Director of Student Services

District Vision: Providing inspiration to make a difference in the world.