

# STOW-MUNROE FALLS CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Recently our district has been informed of several cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth (HFV) disease. The Summit County Department of Health is aware of this situation and have assured us that we are following the proper guidelines to prevent further risk and exposure to our students. HFV is a virus that is spread to others through contact with unwashed hands, saliva, mucus, and fluid from blisters. We have received information that the entire State of Ohio is experiencing an increase in the number of reported cases of HFV.

If your child has any of the following symptom(s), please seek medical evaluation for proper diagnosis. Make medical personnel aware that your child may have been exposed to HFV. Please keep your child 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.

Signs and Symptoms of HFV are as follows:

- Blisters/Rash/Sores on face, palms of hands, soles of feet, upper arms or back of throat
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Body aches
- Fever (lasting up to 3 days)

To prevent the spread of HFV, proper handwashing with soap and water is your best protection. Shared items (sport equipment, water bottles, towels, desks, tables, door knobs etc.) should be cleaned with a disinfectant. There should be no sharing of any sorts regarding food, utensils, straws, drinks, chap stick, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

The district would like to reassure you that the safety and health of our students is our first priority, and we will continue to take all precautions to ensure that we are providing a healthy learning environment for all students.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your student's school nurse.

Sincerely,



Kristen Chittick, RN

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