



# CORY-RAWSON LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Cory-Rawson Parents:

You are receiving this letter as an informational and precautionary measure. Cory-Rawson Local Schools has been informed of three cases of hand-foot-and-mouth disease. Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease, or HFMD, is a contagious illness caused by different viruses. It is common in infants and children younger than five years old, because they do not yet have immunity to the viruses that cause HFMD. However, older children and adults can also get HFMD. In the United States it is more common for people to get HFMD during spring, summer, and fall. HFMD is usually not serious, and nearly all people recover in 7 to 10 days without medical treatment; however, in rare cases, some complications can occur so caution should be taken.

While we cannot release much information due to HIPAA laws we wanted to advise you of this potential concern. As a precautionary measure, the custodians have and continue to disinfect all possibly affected areas. This follows guidelines from our local health department and the Federal Center for Disease Control (CDC). The best way for individuals to prevent the spread of any disease is to wash your hands after you have touched "high use" objects in common areas such as doorknobs. Please encourage your students to wash their hands several times a day.

We have communicated with the Hancock Public Health Department (HPHD) and they have advised that parents must keep students home who exhibit signs of this illness such as fever, malaise, nausea, high pain. Students are permitted to attend school with the rash as long as they are otherwise feeling normal. If you have questions we would advise you call the HPHD or your family doctor. Additionally, I have included links to the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC below. You will also find these links on our website (located under "Resources" then "Parents" tab, then "Notice to Parents"). As always, if you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact the school offices.

<https://www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/handfootmouthdisease/index.html>

<http://ship.oh.networkofcare.org/ph/library/article.aspx?hwid=ty6230>

Sincerely,

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