



Sundown Independent School District

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Dear Parent,

Sundown ISD has received notification of students and staff at our school having an illness called Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD). HFMD is a viral illness with the primary symptoms of fever, painful sores in the mouth and a rash on the hands and feet. The disease is very contagious and is spread primarily by direct contact with nasal discharge, saliva, feces and fluids from the rash of the infected person. I want you to know that the school is taking actions to prevent further spread of this illness. These actions include:

- Strictly following school exclusion rules for children with fever (child must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications);
- Disinfection of classroom surfaces and restrooms including all athletic facilities. As you are aware, Sundown ISD is already in contract with **Germ Blast** for a quarterly disinfectant of the entire SISD facility. In addition, Germ Blast was called for a response treatment which took place yesterday evening (Wednesday), and included treatment in all areas;
- Ongoing hand washing and common sense hygiene education in the classroom;

There are actions you can take as parents and we ask that you partner with us in helping to prevent further spread of this and other illness:

- **Keep your child at home if he/she has a fever and until fever has resolved without the use of medications. This action is required by State law;**
- Notify the school if your child is experiencing any symptoms;
- Practice frequent and careful hand washing with warm water and soap after using the restroom and before eating;

While Sundown ISD is not the only school in the area and state currently affected by HFMD and other virus, I want to assure you that we are taking precautionary steps to make sure our school environment is as healthy as possible. Should you have any questions if your child becomes ill or any questions regarding actions being taken by the school, please don't be afraid to contact us at (806) 229-5021.

Sincerely,

Scott Marshall