



ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



To protect, nurture and advance
the health of our community

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Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you that there are gastrointestinal (GI) illnesses circulating in our community.

The following guidelines will assist families in the prevention of further spread of gastrointestinal illness:

- Report any GI illness (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) that occurs in your child/student to the school (even if it occurs on a weekend or break) including day/time of onset and all symptoms present
- Keep your children/students home if they are not feeling well
- If your student has GI symptoms, keep them home for an additional 48 hours after they are well. This includes not attending school, daycares, after school activities, public places, etc. Avoid contact with non-household friends/family
- Practice thorough disinfection of areas contaminated at home where feces or vomit have occurred. Protection of the person cleaning these areas is also important to prevent contracting the virus
- Practice thorough preventive handwashing at home for all family members, especially after using the bathroom and before eating
- Temporarily avoid sending home-prepared foods to school for classroom shared treats

Respectfully,

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