



September 18, 2014

Dear Parents and Students:

We have been notified of an identified case of Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) at the South Butler Primary School. According to the Centers for Disease Control, EV-D68 is one of many non-polio enteroviruses. This virus was first identified in California in 1962, but it has not been commonly reported in the United States. EV-D68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness. Anyone can get infected with non-polio enteroviruses, but infants, children, and teenagers are more likely to get infected and become sick.

While there is no cause for alarm, we feel it is important to share information regarding this diagnosis with you to dispel any rumors that may arise. This disease is not considered reportable by the Centers for Disease Control. However, the district has notified the county health department. Additionally, we have taken proactive steps to ensure the implementation of best practices regarding the spread of communicable diseases.

As a precaution, a district-wide cleaning process has been implemented in all classroom and athletic facilities with a virucide known to be an effective disinfectant.

The CDC also recommends the following actions to help lower the risk of being infected:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after using the toilet and changing diapers.
- Avoiding close contact, such as touching and shaking hands, with people who are sick.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

For more information, contact the Centers for Disease Control online at <http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/EV-D68.html> or at 800-CDC-INFO. Contact your local health provider if you feel you or someone in your family exhibits any symptoms.

The district endeavors to maintain open communication with parents to ensure the safety of all students. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact either me or Jason Davidek in the district communications office.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Leiterra
Superintendent