

From the School Nurse...
Great Neck Public Schools

EXPOSURE NOTICE

FIFTH DISEASE

(Erythema infectiosum, parvovirus B19 infections)

Date_____

Dear Parent:

Your child may have been exposed to Fifth Disease through contact.

Fifth Disease is a viral infection, which produces a lace-like reddened rash on the face. The red rash appears on the cheeks often giving a “slapped face” appearance. The rash can extend to the trunk and arms. Children may have a low-grade fever and tiredness. Some children may have vague signs or no symptoms at all. Fifth disease is generally considered a benign childhood disease.

The incubation period is usually between 4-15 days, up to 20 days. The most contagious time is the week just prior to this notice. Please note, once the rash appears your child is no longer contagious and may return to school.

Please consult with your child’s physician if your child shows any of the above symptoms.

If you are pregnant or immunosuppressed, please consult your physician for further information.

Please notify the School Nurse if your child is diagnosed with Fifth disease.

If you have any questions please **click on** the [DOH Fifth Disease Fact Sheet Link](#) below:

http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/fifth/fact_sheet.htm