

From the School Nurse...  
Great Neck Public Schools

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EXPOSURE NOTICE

**SHIGELLOSIS**

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Dear Parent:

Your child may have been exposed to Shigellosis through contact.

Shigellosis is an intestinal bacterial illness that can cause fever, severe diarrhea, abdominal cramping, nausea, vomiting, headache, and loss of appetite.

The symptoms may appear 1-7 days after exposure.

Shigellosis is spread through the feces (stool/diarrhea).

To prevent the spread of this illness, proper hand washing after bathroom use is critical. In addition, hand washing before and after food preparation is as important. Sharing of food and utensils should be avoided when someone is ill.

Consult with your child's physician if your child shows any of the above symptoms.

**Please notify the School Nurse if your child is diagnosed with Shigellosis.**

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

[http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/shigellosis/fact\\_sheet.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/shigellosis/fact_sheet.htm)