

EXPOSURE NOTICE

SCABIES

Date _____

Dear Parent:

Your child may have been exposed to Scabies.

Scabies is a fairly common infectious disease of the skin caused by a mite. Scabies mites burrow into the skin producing pimple-like irritations or burrows.

Scabies mites are transferred by direct skin-to-skin contact.

The most prominent symptom of scabies is intense itching particularly at night. The areas of the skin most affected by scabies include the webs and sides of the fingers, around the wrists, elbows and armpits, waist, and thighs.

Symptoms will appear from four to six weeks in people who have not previously been exposed to scabies infestations.

Please note, a person is able to spread scabies until all mites and eggs are destroyed by treatment.

Special skin lotions or creams are available through a physician's prescription for the treatment of scabies.

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 Scabies.

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

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