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Dear Parents

Three students at our Elementary/JH campus have officially tested positive for the measles. While there is no certainty of your child been exposed or potentially infected, it is important to be transparent with all our families so that you can make informed decisions about your child's health.

Please be aware that <u>Texas Administrative Code Rule §97.7</u> requires unvaccinated students who are exposed to measles to be removed from school for 21 days. As a result of this exposure, unvaccinated students **will not** be able to attend school or participate in school activities for 21 days. The law does have allowances to avoid the 21-day removal if an exposed individual gets their first round of the vaccine. We will continue to work with local and state health officials and follow their guidance as we are instructed about related laws and policies.

Measles is a highly contagious airborne disease that spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Anyone who has not received both doses of the Measles' vaccine, or who has never had the measles is at risk. Measles has serious complications, including encephalitis (brain swelling), severe respiratory illness, and it can even lead to death. The measles vaccine has a 97% effective rate of prevention. For the next two weeks, monitor your child for potential measle symptoms, such as(usually in this order): 1. Fever 2. Cough 3. Runny nose 4. Pink eyes 5. Rash that starts on the head and spreads all over the body.

We are committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our students. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow all recommended health and safety protocols.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our offices if you should have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership in keeping our community safe.

Sincerely,

Denver Crum, Ed.D. Superintendent Springlake-Earth ISD (806)257-3310