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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This is to inform you there has been a reported case of Bacterial Meningitis at Deerfield Park Elementary School.

The signs and symptoms, mode of transmission, and incubation period for Bacterial Meningitis are as follows:

<u>Signs and symptoms</u>: The major signs of meningitis are high fever, chills, tiredness, severe headache, nausea, vomiting, rash, and stiffness in the neck and spine.

<u>How it is spread (Mode of transmission)</u>: Contact with nasal or throat secretions and droplets of infected persons (such as from sneezing and coughing or by sharing drinking glasses).

How long it takes to develop symptoms after exposure (Incubation period): 2 to 10 days

Should your child/children develop any of the symptoms described above, please have them seen by a healthcare provider **immediately**.

Students experiencing these signs and symptoms will not be allowed to attend school until they receive a note from their healthcare provider clearing them to return.

The health, safety and welfare of our students are always our highest priority. If you have any questions, please contact the **Coordinated Student Health Services Department at 754-321-1575.** 

Sincerely, Jocelyn Reid, Principal