



## Menasha Joint School District

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# Mumps Notice

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Dear Parents:

A probable case of mumps has been identified in the Menasha Joint School District. The laboratory results of this case are pending. We are working closely with the Menasha Health Department which has increased surveillance and community awareness of this disease. Attached you will find a fact sheet on this disease.

Mumps is an infection caused by the mumps virus. The most common symptoms are fever, headaches, tiredness and loss of appetite followed by onset of swollen and tender salivary glands under the ears. Symptoms typically appear 16 to 18 days after infection, but this period can range from 12 to 25 days.

Anyone who is not immune from either previous mumps infection or from vaccination can get mumps. It is spread by droplets from the nose or throat of an infected person, usually when a person coughs or sneezes. Surfaces of items can also spread the virus if someone who is sick touches them without washing their hands and someone else touches the same surface and then rubs their eyes, mouth, nose, etc. This is why it is important to remind your children about proper hand washing.

There is no specific treatment for mumps. Mumps vaccine (usually in a combination of measles, mumps, rubella – MMR) is the best way to protect your family from mumps. State law requires that all students in grades K through 12 have two doses of MMR vaccine. If your child has **not** received the MMR vaccine, we strongly encourage you to contact your physician or the Menasha Health Department to schedule an appointment.

If additional public health strategies become necessary you will be notified. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Menasha Health Department at 920/967-5119.

Sincerely,

*Keith Fuchs*  
Superintendent