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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is important for parents to be aware of the precautions that can be taken to avoid contracting viral meningitis. As parents and educators, we strive to protect our children from such situations and to ensure their safety at all times

The school doctor has informed us that viral meningitis is not communicable through casual contact. In other words, group work in class or casual hand shakes are not cause for concern. Meningitis, we are told, is spread through close contact such as exchange of saliva.

The symptoms include fever, lethargy, irritability, headaches, sensitivity to light, stiff neck, skin rashes, and seizures. We do want to emphasize that this does appear to be a viral infection as opposed to bacterial which is a far more serious form of meningitis. Nevertheless, our custodial staff will continue work disinfecting water fountains, bathrooms, door knobs, handrails, sinks, kitchens, cafeterias, etc.

Be assured that safeguarding the health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office or the nurse in your child's school.

Very truly yours,

Diana Todaro
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