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Dear Sunrise Elementary Parents, Students, Staff and Guests:

Last week, a student at Sunrise Elementary was tested for the possibility of measles due to symptoms shown on the morning of April 26th. The student has not been at school since school dismissal on April 25th. The student was immunized prior to the onset of symptoms. A lab report suggested the case to be positive for measles. Although there is a positive lab report, the clinical manifestation of symptoms does not align with a measles case. Through information obtained from state and local health department officials, further evaluation is taking place at the state health department to verify the accuracy of the lab results. The school district remains in continual contact with local and state health department officials. If any further information is obtained or if conditions change, more information will be made available.

The best way you can protect your children is to make sure they are up-to-date on their vaccinations. If they have received the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, it is unlikely that they will contract the virus. According to the CDC, receiving one dose of the MMR vaccine is 93% effective in preventing measles and for anyone who has received the MMR booster, the effectiveness increases to 97%.

The symptoms of measles generally include a rash that appears 7-21 days after exposure. Measles symptoms typically begins with:

- A high fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes

Three to five days after symptoms begin, a rash starts to appear. The rash usually looks like flat red spots that break out first on the face and spread downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs and feet. If you observe any of these symptoms in your child, please call your child's doctor immediately.

Measles is a highly infectious respiratory disease caused by a virus. Measles is spread through the air by breathing, coughing or sneezing. Measles can be spread to others from four days before to four days after the rash appears. Measles cannot be spread to others by people who do not have the disease.

If you have any questions regarding measles or the MMR immunization, please contact your physician, your child's school nurse, or the Ray County Health Department at 776-5413.

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