

(SCHOOL LETTERHEAD)

Dear Parents,

There have been several cases of diagnosed Streptococcus pharyngitis (sore throat), or “strep throat” in children attending _____ school. The Streptococcus bacteria are very contagious. Symptoms may include fever, sore throat, swollen and tender lymph nodes in the neck and fatigue. When strep throat is accompanied by a red rash and fever, it is called scarlet fever.

Children who become symptomatic should be seen by their physician so they can be tested and treated to avoid long-term heart or kidney complications of infection.

Children who are treated with antibiotics should remain at home for at least 24 hours after treatment has begun.

Please notify _____ school if your child has been diagnosed with "strep throat" or scarlet fever.

If you have any questions regarding Streptococcal infections, contact your child's doctor or the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health at 459-4382 or 1-800-596-1919.

Sincerely,