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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This letter is to inform you that a student was recently diagnosed with MRSA. MRSA causes skin infections which appear as swelling, warmth, redness, pain, pus or drainage, and fever, however symptoms depend on the part of the body that is infected. Some MRSA skin infections can have a fairly typical appearance and can be confused with a spider bite. In some cases, it causes pneumonia (lung infection) and other infections. If left untreated, MRSA infections can become severe and cause sepsis—the body's extreme response to an infection. MRSA is a type of bacteria that is resistant to several antibiotics. The illness lasts ___ to ___ days. MRSA is usually spread in the community by contact with infected people or things that are carrying the bacteria. This includes through contact with a contaminated wound or by sharing personal items, such as towels or razors, that have touched infected skin.

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) strongly encourages you to _____.

If your child or anyone in your household currently has symptoms that look like MRSA:

- ☒ Contact your regular health care provider to discuss your child's symptoms.
- ☒ Contact the school nurse to report your child's MRSA.

Anyone who has MRSA should avoid _____.

Students must have a note from a health care provider stating they are non-communicable in order to return to school.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact the school nurse at: _____ or the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) at (312) 746-6015.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Principal]

[School Nurse]