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Dear (Parent/Guardian),

(_____) came to the sickroom today with a rash on his/her cheeks. I suspect your child might have Fifth's Disease. Fifth's Disease (Erythema Infectiosum Human Parvovirus Infection) is a mild viral disease that begins with a red rash on the cheeks, in fact, it is often called "Slapped Cheek Disease" because the cheeks appear as if they have been slapped red. There may be a history of some mild symptoms that precede the onset of the rash of a general nature of "not feeling well". There is usually no fever associated with this infection. In one to four days the facial rash can be accompanied by a lacy red rash on the trunk and extremities. The rash fades but may reoccur for one to three week. Exposure to sunlight or heat may make the rash reoccur.

In adults the rash is often not present or can look different. Adults complain of joint pain lasting days or months. Severe complication of infections are unusual in a healthy person. **Any pregnant woman should be referred to their health care provider.**

This infection is transmitted primarily through contact with infected respiratory secretions, (also mother to fetus). Persons are not considered infectious after the onset of the rash. Good hand washing and avoid sharing eating utensils is advised to control the spread of this virus. Please contact your health care provider or clinic for confirmation of diagnosis and notify the school.

Thank you,

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There has been a confirmed case of Fifth's Disease reported at school. Fifth's Disease (Erythema Infectiosum Human Parvovirus Infection) is a mild viral disease that begins with a red rash on the cheeks, in fact, it is often called "Slapped Cheek Disease" because the cheeks appear as if they have been slapped red. There may be a history of some mild symptoms that precede the onset of the rash of a general nature of "not feeling well." There is usually no fever associated with this infection. In one to four days the facial rash can be accompanied by a lacy red rash on the trunk and extremities. The rash fades but may reoccur for one to three week. Exposure to sunlight of heat may make the rash reoccur.

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If you have any questions, please call.

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