



March 9, 2017

Twin City Elementary
26211 Lindstrom Rd.
Stanwood, WA 98292

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child may have been exposed to mumps while Twin City Elementary School. Mumps is a highly infectious disease that can cause serious complications. Vaccination is the most effective strategy to prevent the spread of mumps.

Snohomish Health District investigates reported cases of mumps and works to prevent further illness spread. Symptoms of mumps can occur up to 25 days after exposure to the illness. Watch for symptoms up to March 28, 2017.

Keep your child home from school and contact your health care provider if your child develops the following symptoms:

- **Neck or jaw swelling, one or both sides**
- **Swelling of one or both testicle in males who have reached puberty**

If your child develops symptoms please take this letter with you to your health care provider visit. It is important to call the health care provider to arrange an exam in an isolation room and that your healthcare provider tests your child if mumps is suspected.

Although the majority of students in Washington State (and in the Stanwood-Camano district) have been vaccinated against mumps, some students and staff have not been vaccinated. These students and staff are at high risk to contract and spread mumps, placing others at risk.

To protect all students and staff, and to prevent the spread of mumps to the rest of the community, students who have not been vaccinated against mumps should be excluded from school until they have been vaccinated, or until the 26th day following the onset of parotitis (swelling of the parotid glands) of the last case of mumps in a school. The date to return if excluded is March 29, 2017.

Thank you for your help keeping Snohomish County healthy.

Sincerely,

Gary Goldbaum, MD, MPH
Health Officer and Director