

Place on School Letterhead

DATE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing to advise you that we have a confirmed case of Fifth Disease at our school.

Fifth Disease is a mild viral disease caused by human parvovirus B19. It is sometimes called "slapped cheek syndrome". Everyone is at risk of getting Fifth Disease, but it occurs more commonly in children. Individuals suffering from anemia, immunodeficiency, and pregnant women may have a greater risk of complications from the disease

On the reverse side of this letter is a Fact Sheet about Fifth Disease.

To stop the spread of the infection at **(school name)** our custodial staff has implemented extra cleaning measures to ensure that the areas of concern have been disinfected.

If you require additional information about Fifth Disease, please contact your local public health unit.

Durham Health Connection Line at 1-800-841-2729.

Peterborough Public Health at 1-877-743-0101

Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577

Sincerely,

(Principal name)