



## **CREEK VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent/Guardian;

We want to make you aware that there have been several reported cases of students through out the school that have been diagnosed with strep throat. The students are recovering and doing fine. This is an informational letter about strep throat and not meant for self diagnosis or as substitute for consultation with a health care provider.

Strep throat is a common infectious illness in children, so please do not be alarmed. The infection is spread from person to person through contact with droplets from the nose and mouth of an infected person. The illness can develop within one to five days after coming in contact with an infected person. A person is most contagious from onset of symptoms until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment. A child diagnosed with strep throat should only return to school after receiving at least 24 hours of antibiotic treatment and has no fever for 24 hours. We are asking parents to provide the school with a written document from the student's physician clearing him/her to return to school when a student is diagnosed with strep throat. In addition, should your child be diagnosed with strep throat, it is important that he/she completes the entire course of antibiotics, even if the symptoms improve prior to completing the medication.

Please know the school has taken several precautions to prevent any further spread of the illness. However, as with many other infectious illnesses, the best measure to prevent the spread of strep throat is through good hand washing, careful disposal of tissue, avoiding sharing beverages and eating utensils, as well as disposing any used toothbrushes, when diagnosed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your physician, Heidi Osthoff the school's clinic assistant at 770-667-2932 ext 138, or TracyLynn Wagner, RN, Alpharetta Cluster Nurse at 404-401-5546.

Sincerely,

*Matt Rogers*

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*"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."  
- Albert Einstein*