



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
**W. R. Farrington High School**  
1564 North King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

September 25, 2017

Dear Farrington High School Students, Parents and Staff

At Farrington High School we take the health and safety of all individuals on our campus seriously. Because of our commitment to health and safety, we want to share information with you, about the mumps infection--a highly contagious illness with symptoms that may include: fever; headache; and/or painful swelling of glands in the area of the cheek just in front of ear on each side.

Like many schools in Hawaii, person(s) at Farrington High School has been recently confirmed as having the mumps virus and attended school for at least one day during the infectious period. According to Hawaii State Law (Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-156), all students and staff who had close contact (e.g., within 3 feet) of this person and do not meet one of the following must be excluded from September 25, 2017 through October 10, 2017.

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- Born before 1957
- Blood test showing they are immune to mumps or have had the disease
- Written documentation of mumps vaccination:
  - Students: 2 doses of MMR vaccine
    - Dose #1 At or after age 1 year
    - Dose #2 At least 4 weeks after dose #1)
  - Adults: 1 dose of MMR vaccine (at or after age 1 year)

The good news at Farrington is that 99.9971% of our student population have been properly vaccinated and will not need to be excluded from school! Unfortunately, proper immunization does not necessarily mean you will not contract the illness. Each year a few individuals still become ill with mumps even though they have received the mumps vaccinations. If you develop symptoms of mumps infection, stay at home and contact your health care provider.

Excluded students/staff may be readmitted immediately *after* they are vaccinated unless they have developed symptoms suggesting mumps infection (e.g., fever, headache, and painful swelling of parotid glands – area of cheek just in front of ear on each side).

**Mumps is spread through saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose, or throat of an infected person. An infected person can spread the virus by:**

- Coughing, sneezing, or talking
- Sharing items, such as cups or eating utensils with others
- Touching objects or surfaces with unwashed hands that are then touched by others

**The best way to control any infection is to:**

- Wash hands frequently
- Cover your mouth/nose when you cough or sneeze
- Stay home when you are sick

For more information on mumps, visit the Hawaii Department of Health website at:  
[http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease\\_listing/mumps/](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/mumps/).

Sincerely,  
Alfredo Carganilla, Principal

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