

# Exposure Notice to Families - Ringworm

Dear Family:

Your child may have been exposed to **ringworm**. Ringworm is a fungal infection affecting the body, feet, or scalp.

**What are the symptoms?** Dry raised, scaly area on the skin which enlarges in a circular pattern. (The circle gets larger and larger). The center of the circle may either clear up or remain scaly. It does usually itch. The other circle (or ring) may appear blistered. There may be more than one.

**How is it spread?** Through direct skin to skin contact or indirect contact with contaminated items such as brushes, combs or clothing.

**When do symptoms start?** About 10 days after exposure to an infected person or contaminated items.

**Need to keep child home?** Yes, child may return to school with a note from the doctor stating treatment has started.

Should these symptoms appear, please take your child to a medical facility to receive the necessary treatment. Then notify your child's Head Start/ECEAP Center.

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