

# Exposure Notice to Families - Scabies



Dear Family:

Your child may have been exposed to **scabies** at the Head Start/ECEAP Center. Scabies is caused by a tiny mite, so small it can scarcely be seen under a microscope.

**What are the symptoms?** Small red rash in the webs of the fingers, wrist, forearms, elbows, inner thighs, waist and ankles, intense itching that is more severe at night.

**How is it spread?** Person to person contact. Sharing of bedding, towels or clothing.

**When do symptoms start?** Several days to 6 weeks after exposure to infected person or contaminated items.

**Need to keep child home?** Yes, child may return after treatment is completed.

If you suspect your child has scabies, call your Health Care Provider for advice on treatment and notify your child's Head Start/ECEAP teacher.

Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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