

Goddard USD 265

Health Services

"Our goal is the safety, health and education of your child."



Dear Parent,

There has been a confirmed case of scabies reported in your child's classroom. **SCABIES** is a highly contagious skin disease caused by a mite too small to see with the naked eye. It causes a skin rash which is very itchy, especially at night. The skin rash is usually located around the finger webs, wrists, elbows, underarms, belt line, thighs, on nipples in females and on genitalia in males. The infection is spread from person to person by direct contact or by contact with infected persons clothing or bedding. The length of time between exposure to infection and the development of symptoms can be anywhere from a few days to 6 weeks.

Cases of scabies should be excluded from school until appropriate treatment has begun, which includes use of prescription medicine from a physician. Clothing worn next to the skin and bedding should be laundered on the hot cycle with soap.

If your child is having any of the above symptoms of scabies he/she should be taken to the doctor to be checked and the doctor should be advised that there has been a confirmed case of scabies recently in your child's classroom at school. You should also let the school nurse know if your child is diagnosed with scabies. This will help the school to do what they can to halt the spread of scabies at school.

Help us help your child!