



City Hall Child Care Society

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Re: Viral & Bacterial Rash Information

Dear Parents:

We currently have at least one case of viral or bacterial rash such as Hand, Foot, and Mouth disease at CHCCS.

According to medical professionals, hand, foot, and mouth disease as well as rashes that are presenting as a bum rash with or without a fever are either viral or bacterial and may be as contagious as a cold would be.

Infections such as bacterial or viral rashes travel on objects, through an infected person's saliva, through the air, and through contact with an infected person's feces.

All undiagnosed rashes must be confirmed noncontagious and therefore your child will need to be seen by a doctor to confirm whether or not he/she is contagious.

A common contagious rash such as Hand, Foot & Mouth will present blisters on areas of the body (hands, feet or in the mouth). The rash &/or blisters are generally tender to the touch and children can be quite uncomfortable.

Sometimes Hand Foot & Mouth may start in the diaper area (with infants) and can present as a pretty angry looking rash with sores. It may travel to other areas of the child's body.

In an effort to avoid a cycle of recontamination if you notice your child has developed a rash please do not bring them to daycare, visit a doctor to confirm whether he/she has Hand Foot & Mouth. Be sure to let your doctor know your child attends daycare and if the daycare has notified you of other cases of Hand Foot & Mouth.

Children with viral or bacterial rashes may return to daycare once all rash symptoms have cleared up and are no longer present.