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Dear SRES Families,

A student at Salt River Elementary School has or is suspected of having scabies. As a precaution, we want to inform you about this condition and the related exclusion and return-to-care practices at SRES. The signs and symptoms, mode of transmission, and incubation period are as follows:

What is scabies? An infestation of the skin by small insects called mites.

What are the signs & symptoms?

- Rash, severe itching (increased at night).
- Itchy red bumps or blisters found on skin folds between the fingers, toes, wrists, elbows, armpits, waistline, thighs, abdomen, and lower buttocks.
- Children younger than 2 years are likely to be infested on the head, neck, palms, and soles of feet or in a diffused distribution over the body.

How is it spread? Person-to-person contact and/or the sharing of bedding, towels, and clothing.

How do you control it? Wash bedding and clothing (hot water and hot drying cycle) worn next to skin during the 3 days before the start of treatment. Items that cannot be laundered should be placed in plastic bags for at least 4 days.

Should your child present any of these symptoms, we recommend you consult your family healthcare provider. Any student with these signs and symptoms will be excluded from school. **Students must have a note from a healthcare provider stating they are under treatment and affected areas of the skin must be covered in order to return to school.**

If you have any questions, please contact the SRES Health Office at 480-362-2425 or the ECEC Health and Nutrition Coordinator at 480-362-2206.

Respectfully,

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