



May 31, 2019

Dear CCPCS Parent and Guardian(s):

Measles, a highly contagious, acute viral disease, is on the rise across the country. Measles is spread through the air and through direct contact with infectious droplets. It begins with a fever, cough, runny nose, and pink eye, then two to four days later a rash appears. Measles can cause severe health problems, including pneumonia, encephalitis, and death. There is no treatment for measles, but measles can be prevented by the **measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine**.

**To protect against measles, your child should have two doses of the MMR vaccine (usually given at age one and again at age four). If your child has not received both doses, it's not too late. Please contact your child's health care provider to get the vaccine as soon as possible.**

To protect the health of all students, DC law requires that all students attending childcare or school in the District of Columbia must be up to date on their vaccinations or provide proof of exemption (DC Law 3-20). Students who are not up to date can be excluded from school until they provide proof of vaccination or exemption. If a case of measles is reported in the school, all unvaccinated children may be excluded from school for up to 21 days.

The administration will be working closely with the school nurse [if applicable] and with families to ensure that all students are up to date with their MMR vaccine and all other vaccines. If you have any questions about whether your child needs a vaccine or how to get a vaccine, the school nurse [if applicable] can assist or visit: [dchealth.dc.gov/service/immunization](http://dchealth.dc.gov/service/immunization).

If your child develops any of the symptoms described in this letter, please call your health care provider immediately and mention your concerns about measles **before** you visit the health care office. Also, notify the school nurse. Enclosed with this letter is a measles fact sheet, which provides additional information on the disease. Please contact the school if you have additional questions. You may also visit [dchealth.dc.gov/service/measles](http://dchealth.dc.gov/service/measles).

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in ensuring a safe and healthy school environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly L. Dickens". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kelly L. Dickens  
Director of Operations