

Gastrointestinal Infections (Stomach Bugs) Outbreak

We hope this message finds you in good health. We're reaching out to inform you about a recent surge in gastrointestinal infections (commonly known as stomach bugs) within our Nature School community. The well-being of our children is our top priority, and we're sharing essential information and preventive measures to address and contain this outbreak.

Recognizing Symptoms:

Gastrointestinal infections often present with symptoms like diarrhea, vomiting, stomach cramps, and sometimes fever. If your child displays any of these signs, please take precautionary measures and keep them at home until fully recovered.

Preventive Measures:

- **Hand Hygiene is Crucial:** Reinforce the importance of thorough handwashing with soap and water, especially after using the restroom and before meals.
- **Avoid Sharing Personal Items:** Discourage the sharing of utensils, cups, and personal items. This helps prevent the spread of the infection.
- **Prompt Cleaning and Disinfection:** Increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and toys that may come in contact with the virus.
- **Proper Diaper Changing Procedures:** If your child is still in diapers, ensure proper disposal of diapers and follow stringent hygiene practices during changing.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep yourself informed about gastrointestinal infections. Follow guidelines provided by healthcare authorities and our Nature School center for a coordinated response.

Our Commitment to Safety:

Our dedicated staff is implementing enhanced cleaning protocols, and we are closely monitoring the health of all children attending our Nature School. Should any child show symptoms, immediate isolation will be ensured, and parents will be informed promptly.

Your Cooperation Matters:

We urge your cooperation in maintaining a healthy environment. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home to prevent the further spread of the infection. Open communication is key; please inform us of any symptoms your child may be experiencing.

Resources:

For any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to 250-299-2054 or fernflownatureschool@gmail.com. Additional resources from health organizations can provide valuable information on gastrointestinal infections.

Together, let's work towards a safe and healthy environment for our little ones.

Stay well,

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