

Dear Starr Elementary Families,

I am writing to make you aware that a confirmed case of measles was present at Starr Elementary on January 7, 2026.

Our district is working closely with and following guidance from the South Carolina Department of Public Health (SCDPH). Attached to this email is an official Measles Exposure Letter from SCDPH, which includes detailed information about measles, symptoms to watch for, and recommended next steps for families.

Please know that families who may have been directly impacted have been contacted individually, and paper copies of the SCDPH letter will also be sent home tomorrow. At this time, no action is required unless you are contacted directly by the school.

SCDPH recommends that families monitor students for symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, or rash in the coming days. If your child develops symptoms, please keep them home and contact your healthcare provider, making them aware of the possible exposure.

I understand that health-related notifications can be concerning, and I want to assure you that the safety of our students and staff is always our top priority. We are taking this situation seriously and are following all public health recommendations to protect our school community.

Should additional guidance be provided, we will communicate with families promptly.

Sincerely,
Ashlea Hatcher
Principal, Starr Elementary School