



# RUNGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Yellowjacket Nation,

You may be aware of the recent outbreak of measles in Texas. While no cases have been identified in Runge ISD to date, you must be informed of associated risks for unvaccinated students.

We encourage you to take precautions by enhancing existing hygiene practices (hand-washing, covering coughs/sneezes, avoiding shared food or beverages) and closely monitoring your child for symptoms of measles. Per the Texas Department of State Health Services, “a typical case of measles begins with mild to moderate fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and sore throat. Two or three days after symptoms begin, tiny white spots (koplick’s spots) may appear inside the mouth. Three to five days after the start of symptoms, a red or reddish-brown rash appears. The rash usually begins on a person’s face at the hairline and spreads downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet. When the rash appears, a person’s fever may spike to more than 104 degrees Fahrenheit.”

If you suspect that your child has measles, or if your child has a confirmed case of measles, please contact our district nurse immediately. It is important to isolate the infected individual and seek medical attention.

If a case of measles is identified in Runge ISD, your child will be excluded from attendance for 21 days after exposure or until they are fully vaccinated, per Texas Administrative Code. Please note, that the Texas Department of State Health Services also has the authority to exclude an unvaccinated student from school in the event of an outbreak in the community. For more information about exclusion, see Texas Administrative Code TAC 97.7.

As always, our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Thank you for your partnership in maintaining a healthy learning environment. If you have any questions, please contact your healthcare provider or our district nurse.

Educationally Yours,

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