

Holy Family School

December 7, 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Over the last few days, we have noticed an increase of gastrointestinal illness among our students. We are working with the Ocean County Health Department to identify the cause and limit the spread of this stomach bug. We will let you know the cause of the illnesses as soon as we are able. In the meantime, please help us keep our school a healthy place by taking the following steps:

- If your child is experiencing nausea, vomiting, and or diarrhea, please keep her/him home until she/he has been symptom-free for at least 24 hours.
- Review with your child the importance of washing hands frequently.
- Work with our school nurse and public health officials who may call to gather some information on your child's illness including when her/his symptoms started, what type of symptoms she/he experienced and what types of food eaten in the last couple of days.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school nurse at 732-363-4771 x201 or the Ocean County Health Department Epidemiologist at 732-341-9700 x7560.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Andrews, Ed.D.
Principal