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**Attention: Attendees of Fairhills High School basketball stadium, Knoxfield
Saturday 10 February 2018 9.30 – 10.30 am**

Dear Parent/guardian

The Department of Health and Human Services has been notified of a confirmed case of measles who attended Fairhills High School basketball stadium on **Saturday 10 February 2018 from 9.30 – 10.30 am.**

If you or your child were present at the Fairhills High School basketball stadium during this time you may have been exposed to the infection.

Measles is a highly infectious illness, spread by droplets, which is easily transmitted to others who have no immunity (protection). Please read the attached measles fact sheet for further details. This document describes the symptoms, risks and precautions.

If you were born before 1966 or have received two doses of a measles containing vaccine you are most likely immune (have protection) to measles. **Please note that if your child has received their 12 month and 18 month-old vaccinations they will most likely be protected.**

If you are not sure of your vaccination history you can attend your general practitioner to have a blood test to check your measles immune status. People born after 1996 will have their vaccination history, if received in Australia, recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register – your doctor can access this database to confirm vaccination history.

People susceptible to measles may develop symptoms seven to 18 days after the exposure. If you are Please be aware you may develop symptoms between **now and Tuesday 27th of February.**

Should you become unwell with any signs and symptoms of measles (cold symptoms, high fever and rash that starts on the face as outlined in the fact sheet), please exclude yourself from the general public and seek medical advice.

You **must call ahead** to the clinic or Emergency Department to advise you have been exposed to measles. Make sure you are given a mask before coming into contact with other patients in the waiting room. Please take this information with you when you attend.

If you have any queries, please contact the department on the 1300 651 160. Thank you for assistance with this important public health intervention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annaliese Van Diemen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dr Annaliese Van Diemen
Manager – Communicable Protection & Control

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