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Enterovirus D68

The CDC confirmed New Jersey's first case of enterovirus D68 (EV-D68), a potentially serious respiratory illness more likely found in infants and children, sometimes resulting in hospitalization. The confirmed case was identified from a specimen sent to the CDC from a Philadelphia hospital. The child has been treated and discharged from the hospital.

Enteroviruses are transmitted through close contact with an infected person, or by touching objects or surfaces that are contaminated with the virus, then touching the mouth, nose, or eyes. Answers to frequently asked questions about the virus can be found at http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/faq/ev_faq/pdf.

To help protect our students, FHCDS Faculty & Staff will be encouraging students to:

- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact (kissing, touching, sharing eating utensils and shaking hands) with people who are sick
- Stay home when sick and call your healthcare provider
- Use good respiratory hygiene: coughing and sneezing into a tissue or elbow and properly disposing of tissues

Additionally, FHCDS Cleaning Staff will be frequently cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, like door handles, and hand rails.