

SCARLET FEVER

Scarlet Fever has been reported in the school.

It is caused by the same germ that causes strep throat and is spread by fluid from the nose, throat and mouth of the infected person.

Symptoms include:

- ◆ Fever
- ◆ Sore throat
- ◆ Red cheeks
- ◆ Whiteness around mouth
- ◆ “Strawberry” tongue
- ◆ Nausea, vomiting
- ◆ A fine, raised skin rash that feels like sandpaper

Contact your family doctor if anyone in your family has been ill with these symptoms. The infection should be treated with antibiotics. It is important to take all the antibiotic, even when the child is feeling better, so that the infection does not come back.

Children who have scarlet fever should stay home until they have been on an antibiotic for 24 hours and are feeling well.

For more information contact:

- ◆ Your local [Public Health Unit](#)
- ◆ [HealthLink BC](#) or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
- ◆ Your doctor