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Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff at The Community School:

It is the FGSD policy to alert parents and staff about health concerns.

This letter is to inform you that an unusually high number of students have been sick with vomiting and/or diarrhea at The Community School. The cause of this illness is not yet known, but may be norovirus (stomach flu).

Washington County Public Health recommends:

- Stay at home when ill.
- Any student or staff having symptoms of vomiting and/or diarrhea should not attend school, activities, or work until 48 hours after symptoms are gone.
- Wash hands often with soap and water. Always wash hands after using the toilet, and before eating or preparing food.
- Do not share or prepare food until 72 hours after symptoms are gone.
- Wash contaminated clothing or linens in hot water. Machine dry thoroughly.
- Immediately clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces after vomiting or diarrhea. For disinfection, prepare a bleach solution by mixing 1-cup concentrated bleach (or 1 ½ cups regular strength) with one gallon of cool water. Remake every 24 hours.
*Cautions: Do NOT mix liquid bleach with other cleaning products, toilet bowl cleaners or ammonia, which may release hazardous gases into the air. Bleach may discolor fabrics.

If you are ill, Washington County Public Health may call to interview you (or your child).

Please call your health care provider if you have any concerns about this illness.

Sincerely,

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