



FOOTHILL ELEMENTARY

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November 27, 2012 WHOOPING COUGH CONCERNS

We currently have 24 confirmed Whooping Cough cases at Foothill. While this number is concerning we want to assure you, as our patrons, that we are working closely with the Utah County Health Department to implement proactive measures to protect the health of our students. We have trained our faculty and staff and instituted the following proactive measures and procedures:

- 1. Heavy Emphasis on Washing Hands:** Our school nurse has now instructed ALL of our students on proper hand washing practices and germ spreading prevention (i.e. - coughing into your sleeve). Hand washing practices are posted on charts in each school restroom.
- 2. Hand Sanitizer:** Students will continue to use hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- 3. Classroom Sanitization:** Student desks and phones are wiped down daily.
- 4. Students Who Are Ill:** We strongly encourage you to please keep your student at home. Symptoms to look for with Whooping Cough: cold symptoms such as runny nose and an irritating cough.
- 5. Notification:** If there has been a student who has been diagnosed with the Whooping Cough in your child's class, the school nurse will inform you via a letter.
- 6. Missing Work:** Teachers will work with students who may miss school due to illness and need to make up work.
- 7. Hosting Community Immunization Clinic:** Thursday, November 29 from 3:30-5:30 in the gym here at Foothill (information on the back of this letter).

We hope this information will be helpful to you as we work together to ensure the health of our students. Thank you for your ongoing support of Foothill.

Sincerely,
Dr. Thomas - Principal

Come One, Come All!

Community Immunization Clinic

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Foothill Elementary Gym

Bring your entire family to be immunized against all sorts of things!

Immunizations offered:

Kindergarten Immunizations

Flu

Pneumonia

Shingles

TDAP

**All 6th grade students will need to have their TDAP immunizations for 7th Grade registration. Now would be a great time to get it done!

Without insurance, cost of each vaccination is \$14.00

Accepted Insurance:

Medicaid/Medicare

United Healthcare

Humana/Choice Care

Altius

Educators Mutual

Select Health/CHIP

Blue Cross Blue Shield

CIGNA

PEHP

DMBA