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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that several cases of mumps were recently detected at separate schools in the Baldwin-Kekaulike-Maui Complex Area.

The health and safety of our students and staff are of utmost importance. Mumps is a contagious disease caused by a virus and symptoms include swelling of the salivary glands under the ears or jaw, fever, headache, muscle ache, fatigue and loss of appetite. It is spread through saliva or mucus via coughing, sneezing or talking, and also through physical contact with contaminated objects or surfaces. Most individuals completely recover in a few weeks.

The Hawaii Department of Education encourages all public school students and staff to practice good hygiene habits like thorough hand washing and the covering of mouths when sneezing or coughing to reduce the transmission of germs. We also encourage our school community and parents to do the same.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns about mumps, we encourage you to contact your family healthcare provider. For more information about mumps, please visit the Hawaii Department of Health website at: [health.hawaii.gov/docd/dib/disease/mump/](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/dib/disease/mump/).

Sincerely,

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