

# Exposure Notice to Families - Molluscum Contagiosum

Dear Family:

Your child may have been exposed to **molluscum contagiosum**. A viral skin infection.

**What are the symptoms?** Small, waxy, white or pink bumps with a small pit in the middle. They may spread to different parts of the body if scratching then touching another part of the body.

**How is it spread?** Direct contact with the bump of an infected person. Sharing an item that may have touched the bump of an infected person (towel).

**When do symptoms start?** Weeks to months after exposure.

**Need to keep child home?** No, though contagious bumps are harmless and do not leave a scar. Keep infected areas covered while at school.

If your child presents with these symptoms notify your Health Care Provider. If your child is diagnosed with molluscum contagiosum please notify your Head Start/ECEAP teacher.

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