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Dear Provider,

The Washoe County Health District (WCHD) is asking for your assistance in informing Washoe County families about a county-wide increase in an illness that causes a rash. Children and infants are especially susceptible to this illness known as Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD), caused by Coxsackievirus.

Enclosed are fact sheets, in both English and Spanish, with information about HFMD. The WCHD is asking you to familiarize yourself with this information and provide copies to the families you serve. In addition, the enclosed parent letter on this disease, provided in both English and Spanish, should also be distributed to all parents. Lastly enclosed are guidelines, in English only, which detail the prevention and control measures you are required to follow if an *Outbreak* or *Suspected Outbreak* of HFMD occurs in your facility. The guidelines are for your information only and are not meant for distribution to parents or the public.

For more information, please visit the Washoe County Health District website at <http://www.washoecounty.us/health> and click on the *Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease* links in the middle of the page or call the WCHD Communicable Disease program at 775-328-2447.

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Sincerely,

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