

FIFTH DISEASE

A suspected case of Fifth Disease has been indentified at St Joseph. The disease is transmitted principally by respiratory secretions. About 50% of adults have had this infection as a child and thus are immune. It is a common, benign childhood infectious disease.

EXPOSED PREGNANT women need to advise their doctor.

Children with Fifth Disease do not need to be isolated because they are no longer contagious by the time the diagnosis is made.

Hand washing and proper tissue disposal should be scrupulously practiced.

For more information click on the link below.

[http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/skin/fifth.html#a Signs and Symptoms](http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/skin/fifth.html#a%20Signs%20and%20Symptoms)

Contact the health office with any questions.

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