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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to make you aware of a recently reported health issue. Recently, a group of students from T.A. Howard Middle School (7501 Calendar Road in southwest Arlington) were in contact with bacterial meningitis. There are two different types of meningitis: viral and bacterial.

Symptoms to watch for are:

- Fever
- Severe headache
- Neck Stiffness, joint pains
- Bright lights hurting the eyes
- Drowsiness or confusion
- Nausea/vomiting
- Seizures (often the initial sign)

The symptoms of meningitis may not be the same for every person. However, the symptoms of viral and bacterial meningitis are often the same. If you have any questions or concerns about meningitis, please contact your family physician.

Thank you, and please know that the safety and well being of your student is our highest priority.

Sincerely,

The MISD Administration

*Additional information sheets concerning both types of meningitis are posted on the MISD Health Services page under Health Alerts @ <http://www.mansfieldisd.org/departments/health/home.htm>. Information is also available from your school nurse.*