

Advice for teenagers and young adults in London as mumps figures increase

Public Health England (PHE) issued a statement on 7th June 2017 to alert the public to an increase in the number of cases of mumps in teenagers and young adults in London.

The London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster City Council endorse this statement and encourage all parents and students to be aware of the signs and symptom of mumps.

Mumps is most recognisable by painful swellings at the side of the face under the ears. PHE's advice to anyone who suspects that they or a family member has mumps is that they stay away from school or college and social gatherings for five days after the glands swell.

Parents of teenagers and students should check that they have had two MMR vaccinations. If they are unsure they should contact their GP to arrange a catch-up MMR vaccination.

If schools need further information or advice they should contact their school health service on:

Hammersmith and Fulham School Nursing

Tel: 079 8464 4523 email: zoe.bloomfield@nhs.net

Westminster School Health Service

Tel: 0207 758 0736 email: cnw-tr.westminstershs.cnwl@nhs.net

Kensington and Chelsea School Health Service

Tel: 0208 206 7187 email: cnw-tr.kandcshs.cnwl@nhs.net

The PHE statement in full is attached below:



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For further information about mumps please visit:

www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Mumps/Pages/Introduction.aspx