



PUBLIC HEALTH FACT SHEET

SCABIES

Dear Parent:

This is to bring to your attention that a case of Scabies has been reported for a student in your child's classroom and to provide you with information about this disease. If your child exhibits any of the symptoms described below, it is recommended that you consult your healthcare provider or the Department of Health in Duval County School Health Program at 904-253-1580.

What is Scabies?

- A very contagious skin infection caused by a tiny mite
- Affects both humans and animals
- Causes symptoms when it tunnels below the skin (burrows)
- Affects anyone regardless of personal hygiene habits

How is it spread?

- Person to person contact
- Sharing of bedding, towels and clothing

What are the symptoms of Scabies?