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Water Results Satisfactory, Health Department Continues Investigation

Bunnell - Flagler County is experiencing reports of gastrointestinal illness cluster at Rymfire Elementary.

The City of Palm Coast has performed bacteriological samples in 3 locations in the vicinity of Rymfire Elementary School. All 3 bacteriological sample results were satisfactory. Environmental Health at Flagler County Health Department has collected water samples inside the school and are awaiting the results.

Flagler County Health Department and Flagler County Schools have organized an information session on gastrointestinal outbreaks. The session will be at Buddy Taylor Middle School in the Cafeteria on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The appeal for specimens has been well received. We are obtaining many specimens at this time. The stool samples are sent to the lab to determine the type of illness. We should have results this week.

People infected and having symptoms of a gastrointestinal illness are contagious from the moment they begin feeling ill to at least 3 days after recovery. As a preventative measure it is recommend they remain home during the recovery period. Some people may be contagious for as long as two weeks after recovery making hand washing critically important.

For additional information contact the Flagler County Health Department at (386) 437-7350 ext. 2261 or residents can visit www.flaglercounty.org