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USD 377 Schools Suffering from “Viral Rash” Outbreak

(KAIR) -- Several younger students within the Effingham USD 377 school district are recovering from what’s being diagnosed as a “viral rash.”

According to school nurse Tenille Forbes, cases first started showing up in the schools with isolated cases around a month ago; however, the cases have risen exponentially in the last two weeks.

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Then the increase reached up to 50 students.

That’s when Forbes made a call to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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Forbes says only a few cases have hit the junior-senior high school.

She says of the total rash cases, there’s been one diagnosis of fifth’s disease, as well as a few cases of strep throat rash.

Forbes says most of those affected have recovered within five to seven days.

Elsewhere in the county, health officials at USD 409 in Atchison have not seen cases of that type of rash hit their school district so far.

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