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A Message for Parents Regarding Ebola

Trumbull County, Ohio. At this time based on the information collected by Trumbull County Health Department there is no known threat to the public's health. Trumbull County Health Department is not advocating for the closure of schools and the cancellation of events. However, Trumbull County Health Department supports Trumbull County Public Schools and their decision based on their assessment of the situation.

Trumbull County Health Department has released a list of the top things parents need to know about Ebola.

- 1. Your child is not at risk while attending school in Trumbull County.** A risk for Ebola only comes when you come into close contact with a person suffering from Ebola.
- 2. Being near someone who is sick with Ebola doesn't mean you'll get infected.** The disease isn't contagious like the flu or common cold. You have to be in contact with a patient's body fluids or blood, and you have to have a break in your skin or have the fluids touch your eyes, mouth or nose.
- 3. Ebola does not live long on surfaces or outside someone's body.** Soaps, detergents and hand sanitizers are effective at killing the virus. Keeping your area clean and washing your hands will help prevent infections.
- 4. You and your children are really only at risk if you have traveled to West Africa, where Ebola is currently spreading.**
- 5. There are currently no known cases of Ebola in Trumbull County or Ohio.**