

Date: [Date]

To the Parent/Guardian of: [Patient Name]

Subject: Important Information Regarding Antibiotic Treatment for Strep Throat

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has recently been diagnosed with Strep Throat (Streptococcal Pharyngitis) and has been prescribed a course of antibiotics.

To ensure a full recovery and to prevent the spread of infection, please follow these requirements:

- **Complete the Full Course:** Your child must take every dose of the prescribed medication for the full number of days indicated by the doctor, even if they begin to feel better after a day or two.
- **Prevent Complications:** Stopping antibiotics early can lead to the bacteria returning or cause serious health complications, such as rheumatic fever or kidney inflammation.
- **School/Daycare Return:** Your child should remain home until they have been on antibiotics for at least 24 hours and have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- **Replace Toothbrushes:** It is recommended to replace your child's toothbrush 24 to 48 hours after starting antibiotics to prevent reinfection.

Common side effects of antibiotics may include stomach upset or diarrhea. However, if your child develops a severe rash, difficulty breathing, or persistent vomiting, contact our office or seek emergency care immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community healthy.

Sincerely,

[Doctor/Provider Name]

[Clinic/Facility Name]

[Phone Number]