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President John Ettling  
Office of the President  
159 Hawkins Hall  
101 Broad Street  
Plattsburgh, New York 12901

Dear President Ettling:

I am advised that there is an outbreak of mumps virus at the State University of New York College of Plattsburgh. Pursuant to authority granted in New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) regulation, 10 N.Y.C.R.R. § 66-2.6, I hereby order that you, or a designated appropriate official, exclude from attendance all students born on or after January 1, 1957 without documentation of immunity against the mumps virus, including all students who have been excused from immunization because of a medical contraindication or a religious exemption. Per 10 N.Y.C.R.R. § 66-2.2, documentation of immunity consists of a certificate of immunization showing that a student has (i) received a single dose of live mumps virus vaccine administered after the age of 12 months; (ii) been diagnosed by a physician as having had mumps disease; or (iii) demonstrated serological evidence of mumps antibodies.

Mumps is a serious viral illness characterized by acute onset of unilateral or bilateral tender, self-limited swelling of the parotid or other salivary glands, lasting 2 or more days, and without other apparent cause. Rare complications of mumps include orchitis (inflammation and swelling of the testicles, which can cause sterility), deafness, and encephalitis (inflammation and swelling of the brain). New York State Department of Health regulations (10 N.Y.C.R.R. § 2.1) designate mumps as a communicable disease.

Such exclusion shall continue until I determine that the danger of transmission has passed or until a student submits proper documentation of immunity as set forth above.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Daines, M.D.  
Commissioner of Health