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Dr. Rebecca Kobos
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Dear Dr. Kobos:

I am responding to your notification to my office of the mumps disease cases currently occurring among the students at the University at Albany. Please be advised that pursuant to New York State Public Health Law Section 2100 I hereby declare that there is an outbreak of mumps at the University at Albany as defined in 10 NYCRR 2.2 (d). In response to this outbreak of a contagious disease, under public health law I am tasked with the responsibility of advising the University at Albany as to the best means to control the disease. As such, please make sure the following precautionary measures are undertaken:

All persons who are infected or suspected of being infected with the mumps virus must be isolated for the protection of the public health. Furthermore, in keeping with the New York State Department of Health "Mumps Outbreak Control Guidelines," I am ordering that the University at Albany administration exclude students taking 6 or more credits who were born on or after 1\1\57 and are unable to provide documentation of either 1) a single dose of live mumps virus vaccine administered after the age of 12 months; 2) physician-diagnosed mumps disease; or 3) serological evidence of mumps antibodies. These individuals are to be excluded as of April 28, 2017 at 5pm until 26 days after the onset of parotitis in the last person with mumps in the school or until they are able to provide documentation as noted above.

My staff and I sincerely appreciate the diligent work that you and your staff have put forth in order to control the transmission of this disease on the University at Albany campus. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH
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