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Odessa College Children’s Center Update

ODESSA (Oct. 1, 2014) – The OC Children’s Center released the following update regarding the condition of the child who was reported to have Enterovirus this past weekend.

The patient was released to return home from Covenant Children’s Hospital in Lubbock on Monday, Sept 29. The hospital ran a panel of tests while she was a patient and the results showed positive for either Enterovirus or Rhinovirus.

According to Covenant Children’s Hospital, there are many strains of Enterovirus and some have been around since the 60s. The Enterovirus is a new strain and to determine if the virus is the D68 strain the Center for Disease Control had to conduct further testing. The final report from the CDC confirmed that it was a form of Enterovirus, but not the D68 version.

She is expected to be released to return to the Children’s Center next Monday, Oct. 6, after her final follow-up visit with her local doctor.

Children’s Center Director Susan Graham said, “We were so happy to hear that she had been released and would be returning to the Children’s Center. That is very good news. We are being ever watchful for any symptoms that any of the children might exhibit, and we continue to take standard precautions to prevent the spread of any and all viruses at the Center including thorough hand washing and daily sanitization of classroom surfaces, toys and restrooms.”

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