Parvovirus: Not just for the dogs (Broadcast)

VO/SOT #1: PARVOVIRUS AND PREGNANT WOMEN

INTRO:

IF YOU'RE A DOG OWNER – YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF THE PARVOVIRUS. THE VIRUS' VACCINE IS COMMON AND REOMMENDED FOR ALL DOGS.

BUT RECENTLY – THE HUMAN PARVOVIRUS B-19 HAS SPREAD THROUGH THE NEWS CYCLE… WITH THE C-D-C ISSUING A HEALTH ALERT ON AUGUST 13TH… NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE CANINE PARVOVIRUS C-P-V-2 STRAIN.

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IT'S NOTHING NEW – SAYS DR. DOUG KASPER – AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALIST WITH OSF HEALTHCARE. IT'S A SEASONAL VIRAL INFECTION SPREAD BY RESPIRATORY DROPLETS. KIDS ARE USUALLY THE ONES WHO GET THE VIRUS FROM PLACES LIKE DAYCARES… SCHOOLS… AND OTHER PLACES A LOT OF KIDS ARE TOGETHER. THE MAIN SYMPTOM IS A RASH THAT APPEARS ON THE CHEEK… REFERRED TO AS "SLAPPED CHEEK RASH." WHILE DR. KASPER SAYS THERE'S NO NEED FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE PARVOVIRUS – THERE IS AN INCREASED RISK FOR PREGNANT WOMEN… BECAUSE THEY CAN PASS THE VIRUS ON TO THE FETUS.

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"There can be, especially in the first trimester, associated risks with the fetus that would require monitoring with ultrasounds to see if there is a severe infection. There are also older populations that are immunocompromised, specifically those with sickle cell anemia, where Parvovirus can cause problems with anemias or blood cell lines," Dr. Kasper says.

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WHILE THE HUMAN AND CANINE STRAINS OF PARVOVIRUS ARE DIFFERENT… DR. KASPER SAYS VIRAL INFECTIONS CAN COME FROM PETS… AND THAT'S NOT LIMITED TO JUST THE PARVOVIRUS. BUT HE SAYS HE'S NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF THE VIRUS FROM DOGS TO PEOPLE… BECAUSE THE PARVOVIRUS CAN'T ACTIVELY CHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO.

VO/SOT #2: GENERAL PARVOVIRUS INFORMATION

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"Right now, we're seeing an increase in Parvovirus cases, but there is some bias to that. We don't routinely check kids for Parvovirus because it's a self-limiting illness. Some kids will get a rash, some will get a fever or not feel well for a bit of time," Dr. Kasper says. "But it usually resolves within a week, and it resolves with supportive care like hydration, sleep and maybe some Tylenol."

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THIS UPTICK IN CASES IN THE U.S. STEMS FROM AN INCREASED NUMBER OF CASES IN EUROPE EARLIER THIS YEAR… PROMPTING HEALTH OFFICIALS TO SEND TESTS OFF BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN PROMPTED TO. THE TREATMENT OF PARVOVIRUS LANDS IN THE REALM OF COMMON SENSE. MONITOR YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILD'S SYMPTOMS… WASH YOUR HANDS… AND STAY HOME WHEN SICK.