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JEFFCO OPEN SCHOOL TO REOPEN

Members of Jefferson County Public Schools environmental services team believe they have found the source of the allergic-like symptoms experienced by many Jeffco Open students yesterday, Monday, April 7. In searching the playground area, employees found pieces of approximately six habanero peppers scattered in the wood chips. Coming in contact with the pepper oil would cause many of the symptoms that students experienced. It isn't known at this time how or when the peppers got on the playground.

District teams are in the process of washing the playground equipment and wiping down surfaces inside to ensure that the school is free of any residual pepper oil. The wood chips in the area where the peppers were found are being replaced. The school will be open tomorrow, Wednesday, April 9.