

## Protocol: Students arriving to school by car or walking

1. **Family caregivers/parents and/or guardians should evaluate student(s) each morning for symptoms of illness and/or fever.** Students who are not feeling well, or complain of illness symptom(s), must stay home. Caregivers are asked notify school nurse of illness.
  - a. Parents/guardians, as well as older students, are asked to review the *Daily Home Screening for Students and Symptoms of Covid-19* information sheets before leaving for school each morning.
  - b. Families are asked to consider:
    - i. Has the student or any household member had close contact with anyone diagnosed to COVID-19 that you are aware of?
    - ii. Has the student or any household member recently had any of the following symptoms; fever, chills, cough difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, sore throat, body aches, headaches (not typical for the individual) or loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea?
  - c. **If the student or anyone in the home is sick with a communicable illness, please stay home to prevent the spread of illness to others.**
  
2. All students arriving by car will have their temperature taken, while seated IN THE CAR (when possible), with a touchless thermometer by a staff member. Those students walking to school will have their temperatures taken by a staff member outside of the school, before being allowed to enter.
  - a. Students found to have a temperature 100.0 or higher, **OR** who are displaying symptoms of illness such as nasal congestion/runny nose, cough, sneezing **OR** otherwise report a health concern to staff will NOT be permitted to exit the car, or enter the building, and must return home. FOLLOW: "Protocol: Student is symptomatic at home."
  - b. Staff monitoring school building entry will inform the school nurse of any student who is denied access to school. School nurse will contact a parent, guardian or caregiver to discuss treatment plan required before being permitted to return to school.
  - c. HIGH SCHOOL Students old enough to drive themselves to school will be instructed to notify a parent, guardian or caregiver that they are returning home due to illness, and asked to contact the school nurse for further instruction.
  
3. Students are required to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building, as well as throughout the school day, in combination with soap and water hand washing, and are encouraged to use hand sanitizer again before leaving the school at the end of their day.
  
4. Hand sanitizer and handwashing frequently throughout the school day is strongly encouraged; washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer rubbing until dry will help minimize the spread of germs.
  
5. Students entering the building, and throughout the school day, are required to maintain 6 foot physical distancing, are required to wear an approved face mask, covering the mouth and nose (pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grader are strongly encouraged to wear masks as tolerated).
  
6. Personal items brought to school should be limited, minimizing items taken between home and school.

7. If a student is dropped off having exited the car prior to being screened, and the staff monitoring admission to the building has any health concerns about the student, the school nurse will be notified immediately and the student, properly masked for the protection of others, will be escorted directly into the designated medical waiting room for further assessment (parents are asked to stay with students until cleared to enter the school building).
- a. School Nurse will evaluate the student for symptoms (see list below: “Most common symptoms of COVID-19”).
    - i. **IF ANY SYMPTOM:**
      1. The student will remain in the designated medical waiting room. There is no specific capacity limit for the medical waiting room, no less than 6 feet from other students. Student(s) must wear surgical masks (non-N95/non-cloth) in the medical waiting room, to be provided by the school if needed. Strict mask wearing covering the nose and mouth at all times for every person in the room must be enforced. Students can work on individual schoolwork or other activities while in the medical waiting room. FOLLOW STEPS UNDER: “Protocol: Student Symptomatic at School.”
    - ii. **IF NO SYMPTOMS:**
      1. If the evaluation shows the student does not have symptoms of concern, the student will be admitted to class.
8. It is recommended that **ALL students** use hand sanitizer when leaving the school building, whether riding the bus, going by car or walking.

**Reminder:** Students and staff returning from illness, **MUST** report to the School Health Office Nurse before returning to the classroom; for evaluation and/or symptom management, and if required, submission of medical or clearance documentation.

**Full list of symptoms to monitor for:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle aches or body aches   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue, <i>when in combination with other symptoms</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) <i>when in combination with other symptoms</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headache, <i>when in combination with other symptoms</i>       |   |