

From the Directors Regarding Daily Procedures

We ask that we all work together with our children to achieve the common goal of keeping everyone safe. First, we require that each family do a simple student screening at home prior to coming to school. If your child has any of the following symptoms that indicate a possible illness that may decrease the student's ability to learn and/or put them at risk for spreading illness to others we require that you follow the protocols described below:

Symptoms

Section one

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for student with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- Sudden loss of taste or smell

Section two

- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19: OR
- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19: OR
- Had a travel history

If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions in Section One, but **NO** to all the questions in Section Two, keep your child(ren) home from school until the following are fulfilled: for fever: at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications; sore throat/ cough: improvement (if strep throat: do not return until at least 2 doses of antibiotic have been taken); diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain: no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours; severe headache: improvement in headache.

If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions in Section One AND **YES** to any of the questions in Section Two Call your healthcare provider right away to get evaluated and tested for COVID-19. If you don't have one or cannot be seen, go to www.mi.gov/coronavirustest or call 2-1-1 to find a location to have your child(ren) tested for COVID-19.

If the answer is **YES** to any of the symptom questions, but **NO** to any close contact/potential exposure questions, your student may return based on the guidance for their symptoms:

- Fever: at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Sore throat: improvement (if strep throat: do not return until at least 2 doses of antibiotic have been taken);
- Cough/Shortness of breath: improvement
- Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain: no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours
- Severe headache: improvement

If your child is removed from school due to these symptoms the school is requiring a Doctor's Note stating when the child can return to school. We know that many of these symptoms are similar to other illnesses and that is why the school is requiring a Doctor's Note to return to school.

Parents DO NOT give your child a medication that will mask or cover up symptoms temporarily and send them to school. These symptoms are our body's warning sign that something may be wrong. This type of actions only expose other children and staff to whatever illness your child may have.

Childcare Parents please make sure you have read the Childcare Protocols page regarding the website MISymptomApp that you must complete prior to dropping your children off. This is a daily requirement.

Parents, we know this may feel daunting. We are all in this together and we know that we can do this and be successful in keeping children safe and educating them in the best way possible. Everyone working together will make this happen and great learning for our students is in store!

Sincerely, Matt Young and Bill Kraly