

COVID 19 Health Information

Parents must screen their children every day at home prior to sending their children to school, using the questions below. If any answer to the questions below is "YES", the student should be kept home and the parent should consult their healthcare provider.

1. Has your child experienced a fever of 100 degrees F or greater in the past 72 hours?
2. Does your child currently have a cough?
3. Does your child currently have a sore throat or runny nose?
4. Is your child currently suffering from shortness of breath?
5. Is your child currently experiencing a new loss of taste or smell?
6. Is your child currently experiencing vomiting or diarrhea?
7. Is your child currently experiencing any body aches, headaches, or fatigue or generally feeling unwell?
8. Within the past 14 days, has your child or family had close contact with someone who is currently sick with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

The school nurse will assess any student with these complaints during the school day. The nurses will notify the parents of these students to discuss these symptoms. There is a very high probability that children with any of these symptoms will be sent home, even the seemingly minor ones. Parents of children sent home with any of these symptoms should consult their child's medical provider for further instructions. Children sent home or kept home with symptoms similar to COVID-19 may not return to school until their parent provides a return to school note, written by the medical provider. The note may be a written note by the physician, that the parent consulted with the pediatrician's office, even if the student was not seen by the provider. If the parent does not submit the written MD note for return to school, the child must be kept home per CDC guidelines or Allegheny Health Department recommendations, in regards to symptom resolution requirements.

Children should be wearing a mask per the mask mandate. It is especially important for children to be wearing a mask when entering the health office. Students arriving at the health office with these symptoms may be isolated in a designated area of the health office or other suitable location, with adult supervision, at the discretion of the building nurse.

Children with temperatures 100 or greater must stay home from school for a minimum of 24 hours, without any fever reducing medications, such as Tylenol or Motrin. Children should not be actively coughing in school, so no cough drops will be dispensed by school nurses, nor will children be permitted to bring cough drops into the school buildings for 2020-21 school year.

COVID-19 is an evolving, complicated medical condition. The district nurses may need to adapt to changes and updates in medical information, as released by medical experts. The nurses will utilize the most current CDC guidelines and Allegheny Health Department recommendations.