

Dear South Fayette Families,

The school year will be starting soon, and our district is committed to keeping all students and staff members as safe and healthy as possible. This commitment requires vigilance from every individual and family in the South Fayette Township community.

Our school district's Health and Safety Plan has outlined that parents review a list of **Daily Self Health questions** every day, before their children arrive at a bus stop or enter a school building. Parents must not only review the symptoms listed, ensuring their children do not meet any of the criteria on the questionnaire, but also actively take the temperature of their children. Children **should not** be coming to school if they are sick with any of the symptoms listed on the questionnaire or have a temperature of 100 degrees or greater. This routine is a **DAILY** occurrence at home prior to the children leaving for school. Please see the district website for the daily symptom check questionnaire for parents, but it includes the following criteria:

- If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, they should **NOT** come to school.
- Your child should **NOT** come to school if any of these signs of illness are present: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new onset of lack of taste or smell, muscle aches, fatigue, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea or sinus symptoms, such as congestion or runny nose.

There is no need for documentation after daily completion of this task, but it **must** be completed **EVERY DAY** prior to in-person learning in the district buildings. Please contact your child's pediatrician or medical provider if your child has any of the above symptoms prior to the school day session for in-person learning. Please call your child's doctor if your child has had a fever within the past 72 hours. Fevers in children do not last long in some COVID cases. Children who have symptoms of COVID-19 may return to school after meeting the following criteria per CDC guidelines:

- MD NOTE** is provided to the nurse upon return to school. **OR**
- The student completes a 10 day isolation period at home, has resolving symptoms, and has a temperature less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, without fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or Motrin, within a 24 hour period of returning to school. **(NO MD NOTE REQUIRED)**

The district health offices have adapted new routines and protocols for sick visits during the school day. Teachers must alert the nurses prior to sending any students for evaluation. This ensures physical distancing in the health offices as well as limiting the exposure of children to sick individuals as much as possible. Nurses will evaluate any child exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19. Children will be sent home per the following PA Department of Health criteria:

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Fever Cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing Lack of smell or taste (new, without congestion)	Chills Muscle Pain Headache Sore throat Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or runny nose

You may also refer to the CDC website regarding school operation during COVID-19.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>

Please provide any updates in emails or phone numbers for parents or emergency contacts with your child's building administrative assistant, so that a parent/guardian can be reached during the school day, and the child can be sent home, if meeting the above criteria.

Our district nurses are dedicated to promoting health and providing a healthy school environment for all. We thank all of you, in advance, for fulfilling your roles as members of the South Fayette community.

Yours in health

Kara Miles-Elementary Nurse-Lead Nurse
Raynee Young-Intermediate Nurse
Misty Menarcheck-Middle School Nurse
Penny Miller-High School Nurse

Please click on the link below to view the videos created by various staff members and students.

Parent/Guardian Return to School Information Video (District Wide):
<https://youtu.be/AJKIHPSA18Y>

Parent/Guardian Face Mask and Face Shield Video (District Wide)
<https://youtu.be/YdxuZB1wOoI>

Elementary School Videos:
Mrs. Miles-Welcome Back Video
<https://youtu.be/5h3hux4GY1c>

Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Kuczinski (ES Guidance Counselor)-Physical Distancing Video
<https://youtu.be/CwhsbQ0Qxgg>

Intermediate School Videos:
Mrs. Young-Welcome Back Video
<https://youtu.be/9-DB3e2fA7Y>

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Sweet (IS Guidance Counselor)-Physical Distancing Video
<https://youtu.be/5C-kJvN1JUJ>

Middle School Video:
Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Young, and Mrs. Miller-Welcome Back Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkT8J-63AvE>

High School Video:
High School Media Students, Dr. Hartzell (HS Principal), Mrs. Miller- Welcome Back Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cM6Y67AcS-U&feature=youtu.be>