



Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's with much excitement that we finally return to school! We have missed our students greatly. With their return, please know that we are making every effort to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment. Our efforts at school include taking temperatures upon arrival, increased levels of cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day, wearing masks, social distancing, and of course, handwashing and sanitizing to minimize the spread of germs.

Perhaps one of the most important factors in our success relies upon your partnership. The back of this letter contains an at-home screening tool with information to help you know when your child can be at school and when he/she should stay home. Please keep this tool at home to use each morning prior to sending your child to school. Your involvement in this process is essential in helping us to mitigate the spread of illness in our schools.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, it's important that you call the school to report it to the school nurse or principal. Any students or staff who have had potential exposure and who need to quarantine will be notified individually. To maintain confidentiality and to protect the privacy of individuals, we are not able to release the names or give specific information about infected persons. A weekly report will be posted on the district website to show current positive cases and quarantines for that week.

Please call your child's school if you have any questions. We look forward to returning to the classroom and resuming academic activities as normally as possible. Thank you in advance for your support as we begin the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina Debevec". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tina Debevec, Ed.D.

Director of Health & Social Services



## AT HOME HEALTH SCREENING TOOL FOR STUDENTS

**Parents/Guardians:** Please review this screening tool **before** school **every morning** for each of your school-aged children. Keep this tool for your reference only, **do not** send it to school.

### ***Has your child...***

- Been **diagnosed** with COVID-19?
- Had **close contact\*** (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and **advised you to quarantine?**

**YES ⇒ STAY HOME.** The child can return to school 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative. **Parents/guardians should report a positive diagnosis to the school's nurse or principal.**

**NO ⇒** The child can be at school if the child is not experiencing symptoms.

#### ***\*What counts as close contact?***

- *Your child was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes*
- *Someone in your home is sick with COVID-19*
- *Your child had direct physical contact with the sick person (touched, hugged, or kissed them)*
- *Your child shared eating or drinking utensils with the sick person*
- *The sick person sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on your child.*

***Before school each morning,*** take your child's temperature and check symptoms. If your child has any of these symptoms, they should **stay home**, stay away from other people, and you should call the child's health care provider.

- Fever or chills
- New Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Your child may **return to school** when the parent/guardian can answer **YES** to **ALL three** questions:

- Has it been at least 10 days since the child first had symptoms?
- Has it been at least 24 hours since the child had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)?
- Has it been at least 24 hours since the child's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?