



We would like to welcome your children back to school.
Here are a few reminders from your nurses.

Wear your face mask
Wash your hands
Watch your distance

Our Northwest region is currently at a high risk level for Covid. This requires us to contact trace students who exhibit signs/symptoms of Covid as well as those who test positive.

- The student with symptoms and anyone they had close contact with (within six feet for a cumulative of fifteen minutes in a twenty-four hour period) will be required to stay home and quarantine.
- The student with symptoms will be able to return to school:
 - If they have a negative Covid test OR
 - They complete 10 days of quarantine starting with the day of the positive test or onset of symptoms
 - No student should return until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication and their symptoms have improved
- The close contact of the symptomatic child can return to school based on the symptomatic child's return to school plan as stated above.

As per the NJ Department of Health:

In the context of an ongoing state-wide second wave, New Jersey continues to experience COVID-19 transmission among school-aged children. In children, signs/symptoms are often mild, and it may not be possible to clinically distinguish COVID-19 from other illnesses. For this reason, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) recommends that any child with COVID-19 compatible symptoms should not return to school until they have either received a negative viral test (molecular or antigen) for SARS-CoV-2 or they have completed an isolation period of at least 10 days since symptom onset and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications with symptom improvement. A purely clinical alternative diagnosis is no longer acceptable.



Students who become ill while in school will be assessed by the nurse and will be determined if it is necessary to place the student in a monitored isolation room.

- All ill students will be sent home and parents are to pick up their child within 30 minutes of being called.
- **If your child presents with symptoms in school, please be aware that we will need to send their close contacts home based on your child's symptoms.**

Please remember to complete and submit the Covid checklist for your child each day. Your child is to wear a mask throughout the school day (and please keep an extra one in their backpack).

- Face masks should fit snugly and comfortably.
- Bandanas and neck gators are non-compliant.
- They must be secured with ties or ear loops.
- You should be able to breathe without restriction while wearing the face mask.
- You should be able to wash the face masks without causing damage or losing the face mask's shape.

If you have traveled outside of the state it is strongly recommended that your child stay home for 14 days and quarantine regardless if they show symptoms or not.

When calling your child out sick please refrain from terms "sick", "ill" or "out". Please be specific in your reason for their absence. If your child needs medication available during the school day it has to be in the original pharmacy labeled container, a written and signed medical note from physician and parent is needed. Medication is to be brought to school by an adult. This applies to all medication, including over the counter. Please make sure all paperwork for the medication is completed.

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