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Screening for COVID-19 at Home

The current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend screening all students and employees for COVID-19 symptoms and history of exposure to COVID-19. The priority for preventing the spread of disease in the school setting is to insist that sick employees and students stay home. Additionally, students and employees should remain home if someone in the household has a COVID-19 diagnosis.

Staying home when sick is one of the most important actions we can take to prevent the spread of disease, including COVID-19. Doing so can keep our level of disease within the school building to a minimum and ultimately allow us to keep our school buildings open.

All students and employees are required to self-screen daily before coming to school. Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained, are prohibited from coming to school. If they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately.

It is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian to conduct a symptom check of their child before the child boards the school bus or before they leave the home for school by another form of transportation. If you do not have a working thermometer at home please let your child's school know and we will provide you with one.

Any student or employee must stay home from school/work if they have one or more of the following symptoms:

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students 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
- Loss of taste or smell
- Recent exposure to someone who is COVID-19 positive



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If a student or employee stays home due to one or more of the symptoms listed above, please complete the following:

- Students: Call your school to inform them of your child's symptoms and to receive instructions as to when they may return
- Employees: Call your Supervisor to inform them of your symptoms and to receive instructions as to when you may return
- We highly encourage you to seek medical advice from a physician on symptoms and COVID-19 testing prior to returning

· If a student is symptomatic AND a known close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID, siblings should quarantine.

· If a student is symptomatic but NOT a known close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID, siblings do not have to quarantine. If a student is very sick with multiple symptoms, schools may ask the siblings to quarantine.

If a student or employee tests positive or is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a physician, please immediately call the COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST HOTLINE at (812) 988-3477. This line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If a student or employee has been in close contact with someone that has tested positive with COVID-19 or diagnosed with COVID-19 by a physician, please self-quarantine at home for 14 days and monitor for the symptoms listed above. If self-quarantining or you have been advised to quarantine by the Health Department, please call your child's school and notify them of the absence. Employees should call their Supervisor. Fully vaccinated, asymptomatic students/staff that have been identified as a close contact have the option of not quarantining as long as they remain symptom free.

Please refer to the Brown County Schools Return To School Plan for guidance regarding when students and employees can return to school after having a COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms. You may also contact the Health Office at your child's school for more information.