

NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 12

Dear Parents,

The Health Department has issued the following guidelines for us to follow regarding covid and other related symptoms.

School staff will need to send students home if:

- They have tested positive for covid-19, with or without symptoms, and have not yet finished their isolation period as instructed by the health care provider.
- Within two weeks, they have come in close contact with anyone who has covid-19.
- Or within the last 24 hours, they have experienced the following symptoms above their baseline:
  - Either cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of smell or taste
  - Or at least **TWO** of the following symptoms:
    - Fever or chills
    - Muscle or body aches
    - Headache
    - Sore throat
    - Fatigue
    - Congestion or runny nose
    - Nausea or vomiting
    - Diarrhea

Students and staff who have **NOT TESTED** for covid-19 infection but meet the symptom list above:

- The individual must remain home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began AND be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours AND with improvement of symptoms.
- Siblings and household members should follow the directives below.....
- If diagnosed with another condition that explains the symptoms such as influenza or strep throat, no isolation is needed and siblings and household members do not need to quarantine.

Students and staff who **TEST POSITIVE and have symptoms**.....

- Must isolate at home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began AND be fever free.
- Siblings and household members and other close contacts should follow the directives below...

Students and staff who **TEST POSITIVE but have no symptoms**.....

- Must isolate at home for 10 days after the sample was collected.
- Close contacts of a confirmed or probable covid-19 case...If they remain asymptomatic during the quarantine period and are not tested or who test negative, must quarantine for 14 days from the date of last exposure before returning to school or day care