

KEYSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: Returning to School After a Positive Case and/or Symptoms Associated with COVID-19

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Staff:

As per the CDC, common COVID-19 symptoms among children and adults include **fever, headache, sore throat, cough, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, and diarrhea**. However, many children and adults infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 are asymptomatic (meaning they have no signs or symptoms of illness).

In order to stop the spread of community transmission, any individual who is sick with any of the aforementioned symptoms must stay home from work or school and consult with a medical professional.

If you had close contact (*within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes*) with a person who has COVID-19, you MUST:

- Notify the school nurse;
- Quarantine for 14 days after your last contact, regardless of a negative test;
- Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19;

If you are sick and *think or know* you have COVID-19, you MUST:

- Notify the school nurse;
- Stay home until symptoms have improved *and* 3 days with no fever *and* 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- Obtain medical clearance to return to school/work

If you tested positive for COVID-19, but do not have symptoms, you MUST:

- Notify the school nurse;
- Stay home until after 10 days have passed since your positive test;
- Obtain medical clearance to return to school/work

We anticipate that more information will be made available as it relates to dealing with positive cases and symptoms associated with COVID-19. If students are required to quarantine or isolate as a result of close contact or confirmed laboratory evidence, we will work with students and families to ensure they have access to new instruction and classwork to the greatest extent possible. We will work with students and families on a case-by-case basis. Adjustments are also being made to truancy requirements and processes for managing student absences. It is essential that students and staff remain at home if they are sick. Given the uniqueness of this pandemic, we will not pursue truancy charges against students/families for complying with medical recommendations.

Sincerely,

Shawn Algoe, Superintendent