

WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT PARTICIPATION WAIVER
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS
IN RELATION TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES/COVID-19
Please read carefully and entirely before signing

Student Name _____ Grade: _____ School: _____ Sport/Activity: _____

I understand that participation in any Williamsville Community Education program is entirely voluntary. I/we hereby verify that the Student is in good health and is otherwise fit to engage in activities.

I am aware that participating in a sports program can be a dangerous activity involving many risks of injury. I do understand that the dangers and risks of playing or practicing any sport include, but are not limited to, death, serious neck and spinal injuries, brain damage, serious injuries internally or to other aspects of my body, general health and well-being. I understand that the dangers and risks of playing or practicing to play/participate in any sport may result not only in serious injury, but seriously impair my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life.

In consideration of the Williamsville Central School District (hereinafter "District") permitting me to engage in all activities related to the Williamsville Community Education programming, I hereby voluntarily assume all associated risks including but not limited to accident, injury or damage to person or property.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES/COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS): I understand that COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is considered to be extremely contagious and can result in a range of symptoms, which include, but are not limited to, fever, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, and nausea or vomiting. These symptoms can be mild or severe, sometimes resulting in death. For additional information on the spread and effect of COVID-19 please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. I acknowledge that COVID-19 is primarily spread by person-to-person. A person does not have to be showing signs of illness in order to spread this virus. I understand that the risk of person-to-person spread of the virus is increased by close physical contact and that activities associated with extracurricular activities and sports including Williamsville Community Education Programming, could increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19.

I affirm that I (the Student) have not been diagnosed with, demonstrated any symptoms of or have in any way been exposed to any communicable diseases (including but not limited to the virus commonly referred to as COVID-19) within the past thirty days. I also affirm that I (the Student) will adhere to all safety precautions communicated by the school District administration when engaging in Williamsville Community Education activities. By signing this Agreement, I acknowledge that I understand the risks related to COVID-19 and other communicable diseases and understand that the risk of contracting COVID-19 may be increased by participation in activities.

I voluntarily release and discharge the District, its Board of Education, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches and volunteers from, without limitation, any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, compensation, and/or suits at law or in equity, on account of or relating to any act or omission by the Board of Education, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches or volunteers. I also agree to defend, indemnify, save the District, its Board of Education, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches and volunteers from and against, without limitation, and hold harmless any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, demands, or suits at law or in equity of any kind and nature whatsoever which may arise, directly or indirectly, by or in connection with participation in Williamsville Community Education programs. The terms hereof shall serve as a release for my, and that of the student, heirs, estate, executor, administrator, and assignees for all members of our family.

Each student is responsible to review the District's COVID-19 guidelines. The guidelines may be found at this link: https://www.williamsvillek12.org/resources/covid-19_education.php. It is required that if a student or a person in the student's family exhibit COVID-19 symptoms they follow the Department of Health guidelines. If COVID-19 symptoms first present themselves when the student is participating in a Williamsville Community Education Program, the student's parent/guardian will pick-up the student in an expedient manner after being notified of their child's symptoms. The child exhibiting symptoms will be social distanced from other student while waiting for pick-up.

The student agrees to comply with all updated Department of Health and District COVID-19 safety and health procedures, policies, and guidelines.

In addition, I acknowledge all of the regulations and the potential of denial and/or dismissal from participation for violations of this Board policy and/or the expectations and standards of the coach(es) or any other District staff member of agent. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I have read and will support the policies (rules & regulations) that have been set forth for students participating in the District's extracurricular/athletics and Community Education Programs.

Date

Signature of Student

Date

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian*

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***Both parents must sign unless only one has legal custody.**

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE _____ OFFICE OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION
PRIOR TO THE START OF THE ACTIVITY.**

RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.



COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing Protocol

- Students and staff exhibiting the following signs with no other explanation will be sent with their face covering on their mouth and nose to the designated isolation room for an assessment by the school nurse:
 - Flushed cheeks;
 - Rapid or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity);
 - Fatigue, and/or irritability; and
 - Frequent use of the bathroom

- Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are as follows:
 - Fever (100°F or greater) or chills;
 - Cough;
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
 - Fatigue;
 - Muscle or body aches;
 - Headache;
 - New loss of taste or smell;
 - Sore throat;
 - Congestion or runny nose;
 - Nausea or vomiting; and/or
 - Diarrhea

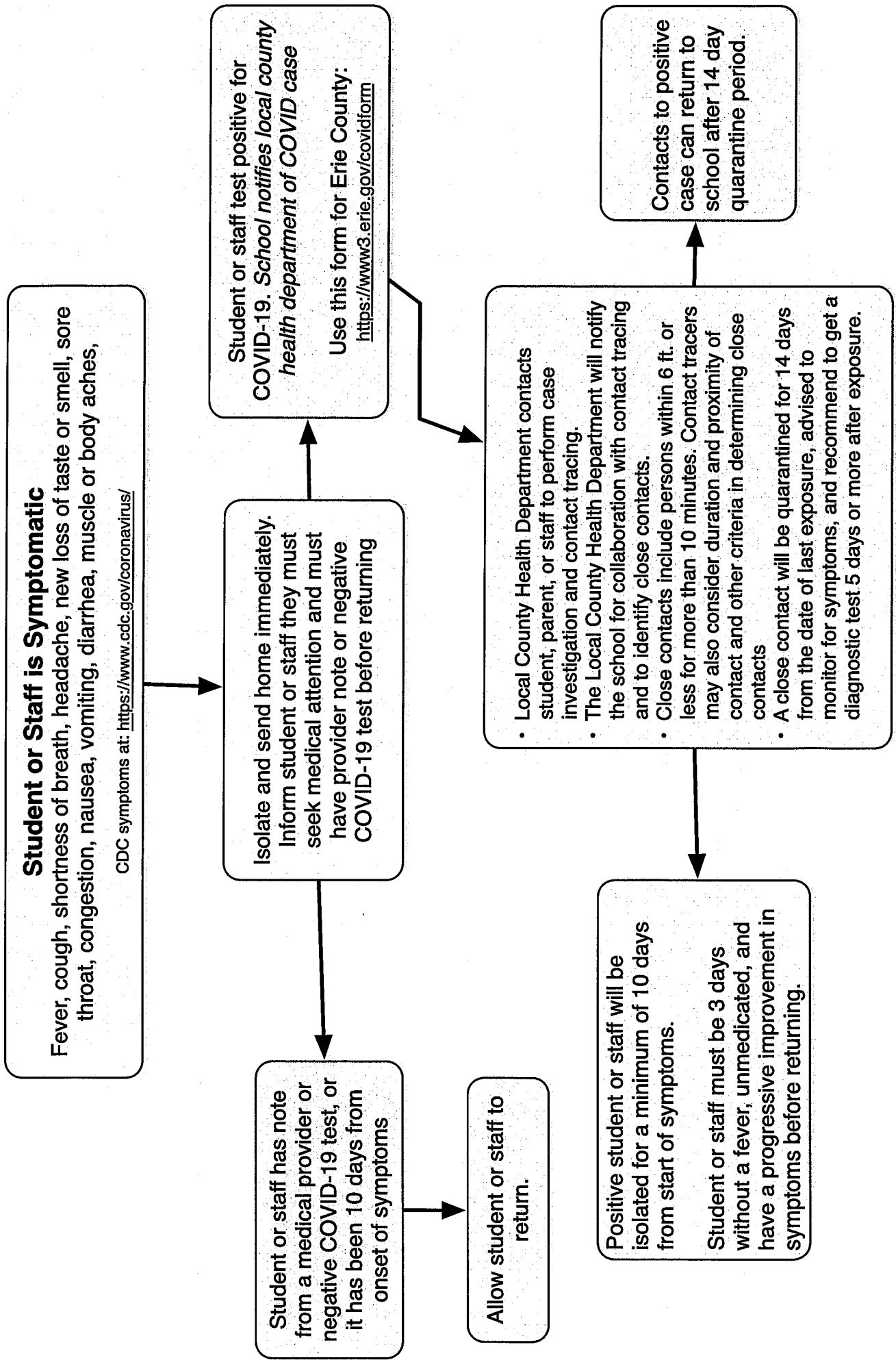
- Any staff member or student exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated immediately in a supervised designated isolation room and will be assessed by the school nurse.

- If a school nurse is not available, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up their ill child or the staff member will be sent home.

- For any individual exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and meeting the criteria for COVID-19 testing, the building administrator and/or the school nurse will immediately call the district nurse practitioner to alert her of the situation. The district nurse practitioner will work with the local Health Department (ECDOH) for further guidance and will then direct the school building of the next steps.

- No student movement will occur in the building until the health department (ECDOH) provides further guidance. The principal will initiate shelter in place to eliminate movement throughout the building.
- The parent will be contacted as soon as possible by either the school nurse, building principal or the district nurse practitioner.
- Arrangements for student pick-up and medical referral and follow-up will be made immediately including information on where to obtain a COVID-19 test. The school district will coordinate with the ECDOH, the individual's healthcare provider, and the parent/guardian to set-up COVID-testing for the suspected individual.
- Required CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfection will occur.
- For COVID-19 positive individuals, the school district will collaborate with the ECDOH to assist with contact tracing. The ECDOH will contact the student, parent, or staff to perform case investigation and contact tracing. Contact tracing begins 48 hours prior to the start of symptoms or 48 hours prior to the positive test for an asymptomatic person.
- The school district in conjunction with the ECDOH will follow-up and notify any individual(s) who have come into close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19 will occur and confidentiality will be maintained. According to the ECDOH, a close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an affected person for at least 10 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset or for asymptomatic individuals, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection. All persons within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes from the COVID-19 positive individual will be quarantined for 14 days, monitored for symptoms and tested for COVID-19.
- A COVID-19 positive student or staff member will be isolated for a minimum of 10 days from illness onset. The individual must be fever free for 3 days without the use of fever reducing medication and have a progressive improvement in symptoms before returning to school.

Protocol for Symptomatic or Positive COVID-19 Student or Staff





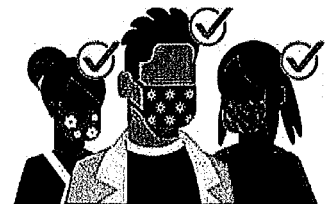
Face Covering Protocol

- Cloth face coverings are meant to help protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but doesn't have symptoms.
- All students and staff members must wear face coverings at all times when on school grounds including, but not limited to:
 - on the school bus;
 - at arrival to the building and at dismissal from the building;
 - during instruction;
 - whenever they are within 6 feet of another person;
 - in hallways;
 - at their locker/cubby;
 - in restrooms;
 - in the elevator; and
 - in other common areas.
- All individuals in school facilities and on school grounds must be prepared to put on a face covering if another person unexpectedly cannot socially distance.
- Face mask breaks are scheduled when students are seated in their classroom and are distanced 6 feet apart.
- The District will provide acceptable face coverings to employees and students if they do not have their own. An adequate supply will be maintained at each building in the district.
- Employees and students are encouraged to wear their own acceptable face covering. Acceptable face coverings include, but are not limited to, cloth-based face coverings and surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose.
- Arrangements will be made for individuals who cannot medically tolerate face coverings. Healthcare provider documentation is required to be provided in order to implement accommodations.
- Students and staff may use alternate PPE (i.e. face coverings that are transparent at or around the mouth) for instruction or interventions that require visualization of the movement of the lips and/or mouths (e.g. speech therapy).
- Students, parent/guardians, staff, visitors, contractors, and vendors are instructed on:
 1. The importance of wearing a face covering to protect others;
 2. The proper way to wear face coverings and washing hands before putting on and after removing their face covering;
 3. The proper way to discard disposable face coverings, the importance of routine cleaning of reusable face coverings, and how face coverings are for individual use only and should not be shared; and
 4. How to follow everyday healthy habits.

CDC Resources

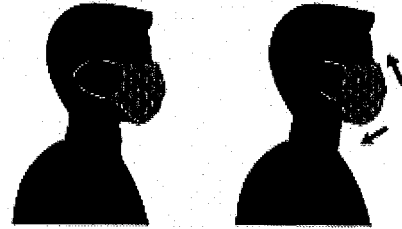
1. Wear a Mask to Protect Others

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you're infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms
- Wear a mask in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart
- Wear a mask correctly for maximum protection
- **Don't** put the mask around your neck or up on your forehead
- **Don't** touch the mask, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect



2. Wear your Mask Correctly

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before putting on your mask
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily



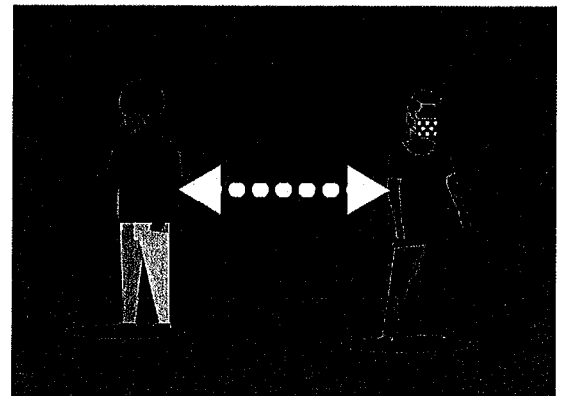
3. Take Off Your Mask Carefully, When You're Home

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place mask in the washing machine daily
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing.



4. Follow Everyday Healthy Habits

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>



Social Distancing Protocol

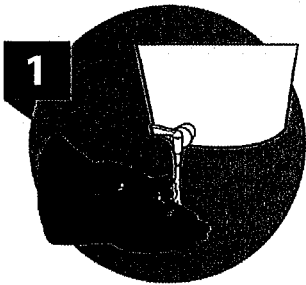
- Social distancing, also called “physical distancing”, means maintaining 6 feet of space between individuals.
- Social distancing will be utilized in all school facilities and on school grounds.
- Student groupings will remain as static as possible by having the same group/cohort of students stay together throughout their school day.
- The size of groups/cohorts of students are determined by the number of students who can be in each classroom while maintaining 6 feet of physical distancing,
- Arrival and dismissal times are staggered to allow for physical distancing of students.
- Designated areas for student drop off and pick up are identified and number of entry points will be limited as much as possible.
- In-school movement will be reduced where possible by keeping the same students within a defined area or classroom and modifying class schedules or class transitions as follows:
 - Whenever possible, the same cohort of students will remain with the same teacher each day.
 - Curriculum extension teachers will go to individual classrooms when possible. Music and PE class will be held outside when possible and when not possible physical distancing guidelines of 6 feet or more between students will be maintained. Distance of 12 feet or more will be maintained for activities requiring the projection of voice (e.g. singing) or playing a wind instrument or aerobic activity.
 - Whenever social distancing cannot be maintained, face coverings must be worn.
 - Transitions in hallways follow one-way directional patterns when possible.
 - Limited restroom occupancy to allow for physical distancing.
- Student desks all face the same direction.
- When safe and applicable, windows and doors will be opened to improve ventilation.
- Individual student belongings are kept separately.
- Sharing of items and equipment is discouraged. However, if items must be shared, appropriate cleaning must be ensured between use of students. Hand washing after shared use of items/equipment must also occur.
- Alternate spaces (e.g. classrooms) will be used for eating lunch and breakfast, when possible. If not possible or alternate spaces are unavailable, classroom groups will stay together in lunchrooms while adhering to social distancing rules of 6 feet of space between individuals.
- Lockers/cubbies will be assigned by cohort.
- Elevator use is limited to one individual at a time unless the individual needs assistance. All individuals in such space will wear face coverings.
- Office spaces including faculty offices, administration offices, and the therapy rooms when used for meetings or sessions should only be used when 6 feet of physical distancing can be maintained. All individuals in such space will wear face coverings.

Handwashing Protocol

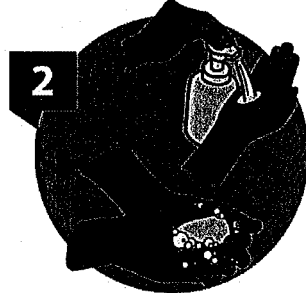
- Hand washing is the primary way to clean your hands.
- Hand washing should be done with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Hand sanitizer should only be used if soap and water is not available. Hand sanitizer works best on clean hands. Hands should be rubbed with sanitizer until completely dry.
- CDC handwashing videos that are age appropriate are available to students, staff and parents/guardians.
<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/videos.html>

Hand wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (sing happy birthday twice) at the following times:

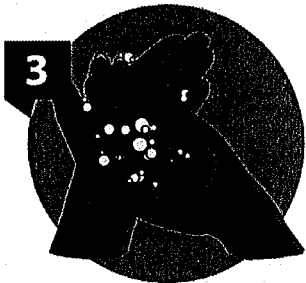
- Upon entering the building/classroom
- Before eating (snack and lunch) or preparing food
- Prior to dismissing for the school day
- After using the restroom
- After an individual blows their nose, sneezes, or coughs
- After touching shared equipment/materials/items
- After recess and physical education class
- Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs direct assistance



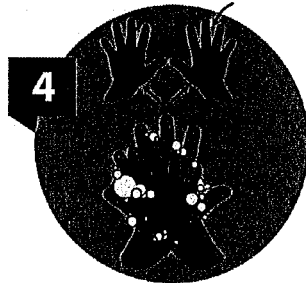
1. Wet hands with water.



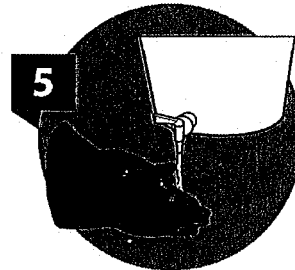
2. Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.



3. Rub hands together and scrub everywhere.



4. Wash the front and back of your hands, in between your fingers, and under your nails.



5. Rinse hands with water.



6. Dry hands completely using a single-use towel or air dry.



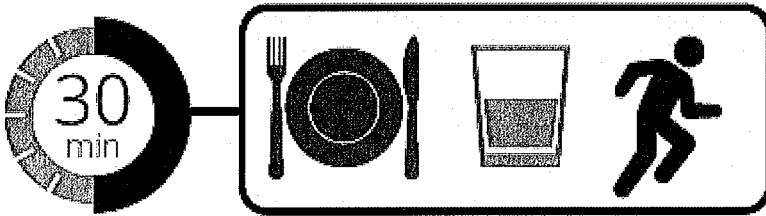
Health and Temperature Screening Protocol

- Health screening questionnaires with temperature screening are required by all students and staff members to be conducted daily at home before arriving at school.
- Temperature screening will be conducted at each school building in the event a temperature was not taken at home prior to a student or staff member coming to school. This process involves the use of a touchless thermal hand scanning device.
- Parents/guardians will need to answer the following health screening questions for their child. Staff members will also answer the same questions but as it pertains to his/herself:
 - Has your child experienced symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever (temperature of 100°F or above) or chills, body aches, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, nasal congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste and/or smell in the past 14 days? Please answer “yes” only if your child is experiencing a new onset of symptoms OR your child is experiencing a change in symptoms from their baseline if he/she has a known pre-existing medical condition (e.g. asthma, allergies).
 - Is your child’s temperature today 100°F or greater?
 - Has your child tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Has your child had contact with anyone confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Has your child traveled internationally or to a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the NYS Travel Advisory in the past 14 days?
- Parents/guardians must carefully observe their child for COVID-19 symptoms. Staff members must also observe his/herself and their students for COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Fever (100°F or greater) or chills;
 - Cough;
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
 - Fatigue;
 - Muscle or body aches;
 - Headache;
 - New loss of taste or smell;
 - Sore throat;
 - Congestion or runny nose;
 - Nausea or vomiting; and/or
 - Diarrhea
- Students and/or parents/guardians of students and staff are required to notify the school when they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or if answers to the health screening questionnaire change during or outside school hours.
- Any student or staff member with a temperature of 100°F or greater and/or symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home and not report to their school building.
- For any student or staff member already in the building presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, they will be isolated immediately in the supervised designated isolation room and will be sent home immediately. Such individuals will be referred to a healthcare provider and will be provided with COVID-19 testing resources.

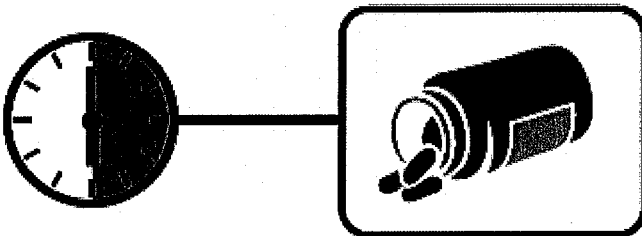
Taking a Temperature at Home

Before taking your own temperature or your child's temperature:

- Wait 30 minutes after eating, drinking, or exercising.

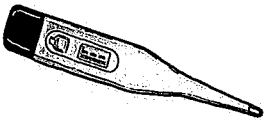


- Wait at least 6 hours after taking medicines that can lower your temperature, like:
 - Acetaminophen, also called paracetamol
 - Ibuprofen
 - Aspirin (*One note of caution in children: Health care professionals strongly advise against ever using aspirin or aspirin-containing products in children without the expressed permission of the child's medical provider due to an association to REYES SYNDROME.*)

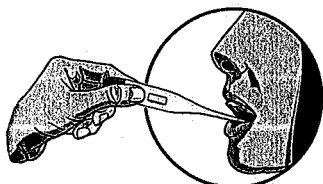


How to properly take a temperature:

Oral Method



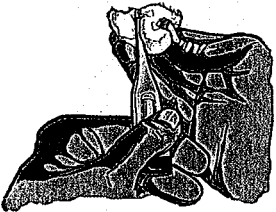
1. Familiarize yourself with your thermometer. Turn the thermometer on by pressing the button near the screen.



2. Hold the tip of the thermometer under your tongue until it beeps. Do not bite the thermometer.



3. Read your temperature on the screen. If you have a temperature of 100°F or greater, do not go out in public and contact your healthcare provider and your school building of attendance.



4. Clean your thermometer with soap and water and dry it well.

PLEASE NOTE: For infants and children younger than 4 years old, use an age-appropriate thermometer such as an ear thermometer. If you do not have one, use a regular thermometer by placing it under the child's arm in the center of the armpit. For the armpit method, if the child's temperature is 99.0°F or higher, do not go out in public and contact your healthcare provider and your school building of attendance. Tell the healthcare provider you took the child's temperature this way.

Tympanic method (in the ear)

The ear method is recommended for children older than 2 years old. Though quick to use, the ear method can produce temperature readings that are incorrect, even when the manufacturer's directions are followed.

1. Use a clean probe tip each time, and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully
2. Gently tug on the ear, pulling it back. This will help straighten the ear canal, and make a clear path inside the ear to the ear drum
3. Gently insert the thermometer until the ear canal is fully sealed off
4. Squeeze and hold down the button for 1 second
5. Remove the thermometer and read the temperature
6. If you have a temperature of 100°F or greater, do not go out in public and contact your healthcare provider and your school building of attendance.



When to Keep your Child Home

Please observe your child for signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever (100°F or greater) or chills;
- Cough;
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- Fatigue;
- Muscle or body aches;
- Headache;
- New loss of taste or smell;
- Sore throat;
- Congestion or runny nose;
- Nausea or vomiting; and/or
- Diarrhea

Any student with a temperature of 100°F or greater and/or symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home, not report to their school building, and report signs or symptoms to their child's school attendance office.

For any student already in the building, they will be isolated immediately in a supervised designated isolation room and will be sent home immediately. Such students will be referred to their healthcare provider and will be provided with COVID-19 testing resources.

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Students and Staff who Become Ill while at School

Students and staff exhibiting the following signs with no other explanation will be sent with their face covering on their mouth and nose to the designated isolation room for an assessment by the school nurse:

- Flushed cheeks;
- Rapid or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity);
- Fatigue, and/or irritability; and
- Frequent use of the bathroom

Please observe yourself and your students for signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever (100°F or greater) or chills;
- Cough;
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- Fatigue;
- Muscle or body aches;
- Headache;
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For any student or staff member already in the building, they will be isolated immediately in a supervised designated isolation room and will be sent home immediately. Such individuals will be referred to their healthcare provider and will be provided with COVID-19 testing resources.

If a school nurse is not available, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up their ill child or the staff member will be sent home.