



GEORGETOWN COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are working hard to soon be able to have our students back in school, but we need your help. We are following DHEC guidelines and wanted to make you aware of some changes that will be in place for our health room protocols. The guidelines can be found at:

https://www.scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/Interim_DHEC_Guidance_for_School_Response_to_Cases_and_Contacts_of_COVID-19-7.8.20%20FINAL.pdf

We ask that you monitor your child for any symptoms prior to school each morning, and if possible, check their temperature. **Please do not send your child to school if they are sick or have the following symptoms:**

• **Any one (1) of the following:**

Fever, Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing, Loss of Taste or Smell, New or Worsening Cough

• **Any two (2) of the following:**

Sore throat, Muscle or Body aches, Chills or Fatigue, Headache, Congestion or Runny nose, Diarrhea, Nausea or Vomiting

If it is determined your child meets either of the above conditions, they will be escorted to a designated room while awaiting your arrival. **They will require an evaluation by a Health Care Provider to determine the cause of the symptoms and/or the need for a COVID-19 test. In order to return to school, they will need a medical note from your Health Care Provider stating the condition and when they are cleared to return. This must be in accordance with the DHEC School Exclusion List. Or, they will require documentation of a negative COVID (PCR) test in order to return to school.**

We recognize this will be a big change for parents and students. Thank you for your patience, assistance and understanding as we battle this pandemic together and strive to keep all of our students safe and healthy.

Thank you,

Laura Tucker, MSN, RN

Lead Nurse: Georgetown County School District