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Please Note: this document will be updated periodically, so keep checking if you have any questions!

This document is meant to assist you in many of the rules and policies related to Covid related issues. Please keep in mind that these guidelines supersede CDC guidelines and have been established by the School District of Philadelphia, in an effort to keep students healthy, safe and in school.

1. My child wakes up in the morning with symptoms (fever higher than 100.4, muscle/body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, New or persistent cough, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.) What should I do?

Parents are asked to do a prescreening of their children at home to ensure that students are NOT coming to school sick.

If they have one or more of the symptoms above:

KEEP THEM HOME and get them tested. Text "TESTPHL" to 72345 for a list of testing sites, where they can make an appointment and be tested the same day!

If your student is negative and has no fever, they can return to school the next day with proof of a negative test.

If you send your child to school with symptoms and they test positive here at school, you have now exposed up to more than 150 other people to Covid, all who will most likely have to quarantine. So please, keep them home and get them tested.

2. My child tested positive at home, what do I do? (Vaccinated or unvaccinated)

Call the Nurse (215) 400-8140 or email her immediately at cquinn@philasd.org to inform her that you have a child who tested positive for Covid. Depending on the date of the positive test, the nurse will be able to tell you when your child will be allowed back in school.

In addition, be prepared to identify any and all students/adults that were in close contact with the infected person, including who the student travelled to school with and mode of transportation. Close contact is defined as 15 minutes or more within 6 feet of the infected person within a 48-hour period before the onset of symptoms. This should be reported to the school and to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH)

3. What happens when a student develops symptoms at school?

If a student develops any of the symptoms listed above at school, after appropriate assessment from the school nurse, they will be tested. If the test is positive you will be called to pick your student up immediately. They cannot leave school on their own.

*The student **MUST** remain home until **ALL** of the following are true:*

- *at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms*
- *24- hour fever free without the use of fever reducing medications AND*
- *symptoms have improved.*

When symptomatic, tested, and determined to be Covid negative, the student will remain home until:

- *They show proof of a negative PCR test (PCR tests can also be given at the SDP's sites, where you can text listed above for an appointment.*
- *a clinician has evaluated the student and documented an alternative diagnosis.*

4. I was notified they were in close contact with a Covid positive student. What should I do?

*You will receive a "close contact letter" from the school with specific directions. **If your child is vaccinated, no action is required unless they are symptomatic. A vaccinated student can remain in school.***

If your child is unvaccinated, they must quarantine according to the dates that are on your close contact letter. Please adhere to these dates and do not allow your child to return to school to return to school before their quarantine period is over.

It is VERY important that you read the letter closely for all directions. If you have further contact questions, you can contact Nurse Quinn.

Please have your child seen by our school nurse before returning to classes for proof of the negative test, and to be cleared to return.