Illness Policy Addendum: COVID-19

Students with COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposed to COVID-19:

Parents should keep children home from school and notify their principal if they are showing any signs of COVID-19 which includes:

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by internal/forehead thermometer;
- Sore throat;
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain;
- New onset of severe headache
- New loss of taste or smell.

If a student develops the above symptoms at school, his/her parent will be notified, and student will be sent home.
- Parents are expected to pick students up within 1 hour of being notified of the students’ symptoms.

Students should also be kept home from school and notify their principal if they or someone in their household:
1. Has symptoms of COVID-19;
2. Has been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results;
3. Has tested positive for COVID-19; or
4. Has been in close proximity* with a known COVID-19 positive person outside of household.

**Close Proximity:** Defined as any person who is in an enclosed area within 6 feet or less to the individual with COVID-19 for a combined 15 minutes or more

Returning to School:

Students with COVID-19 Symptoms without a positive test can return to school when:
- They have a negative COVID-19 test result; or
- They have a doctor’s note explaining symptoms; or
- It has been:
- At least 48 hours with symptoms improving and no fever (without medication); and
- Symptoms have improved.
  ** If symptoms are not improving over 24 hours please contact your child’s physician for further instructions.

**Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are Symptomatic can return to school when:**
- When 10 days since symptoms first appeared; and
- At least 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication); and
- Symptoms have improved.

**Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have no symptoms can return to school when:**
- 10 days have passed since test was administered with no development of symptoms

**If a student lives with a person who has tested positive he/she can return to school:**
- 10 Days from the time the positive person shows symptoms or has a positive test result, as long as student remains symptom free.

**How to Communicate:**
- Parents or guardians should contact their child’s principal and the school nurse if their child or anyone in the household presents with COVID-19 symptoms, is awaiting a COVID-19 test result or has a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- The principals will notify the parents of students who may have been exposed.

**Once criteria to return to school has been met, please contact the school nurse prior to returning to school.**