

Milford Public Schools
Department of Nursing
School Reopening Health and Safety Reminders

January, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We look forward to welcoming our students back to in-person learning. For the health and safety of our students and staff, we are reminding you of the following MPS COVID-19 protocols.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR HAS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

Each morning before school, please ensure that your child feels well. *For the health and safety of our students and staff, it is essential that your child does not come to school if they are sick or have **ANY of the following symptoms of COVID-19:***

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chill, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, headache, muscle aches or body aches, nausea, or vomiting, or diarrhea, fatigue (when in combination with one or more other symptoms), nasal congestion or runny nose

When reporting your child's absence, please state the specific symptoms your child is experiencing. If your child develops any of the above symptoms while at school, you will be contacted to pick up your child as soon as possible. *Your child will not be allowed to take the school bus home.* The school nurse will advise you of the requirements that must be met before your child returns to school.

WHEN YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, OR IS WAITING FOR TEST RESULTS, OR HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO A COVID-19 POSITIVE PERSON

Contact your child's school nurse who will notify you of the quarantine or isolation requirements that must be met before your child returns to school.

RETURN FROM TRAVEL OUT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Individuals are required to either receive a negative (PCR) test within 72 hours of coming into Massachusetts from a high-risk state or quarantine for 10 days. *Before your child may return to school,* the school nurse must be provided with a copy of the negative PCR test. For more information on quarantine, exemptions and ages requiring testing, visit

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order#potential-other-traveler-scenarios->

MASKS

Students age 5 years or older are required to wear masks while in school and on school grounds unless they have an exemption. Please refer to the MPS policy on face coverings or visit:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ziueihdrakn33qaoXJ48feDB1ZLROmDq/view_

COMMUNICATION

Please contact your child's school nurse with any questions. A directory of our school nurses is available on the MPS health services [website](#).

We appreciate your cooperation.