



RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION

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Superintendent

Letter from the Nurses' Office

We are asking all parents/guardians to screen your students daily before sending them to school. If your student has been in direct contact with someone who is being tested for COVID-19, please keep them at home and contact the school for further guidance. Please keep your student home for any of the following known symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever of 100.4 or greater
- cough/nasal congestion
- Difficulty breathing/Shortness of Breath
- Chills/Shaking
- Muscle Pain
- Sore Throat
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea

The student should be kept at home and it is highly recommended that you seek medical attention so that COVID-19 can be ruled out. Any student that experiences the above symptoms while at school will be sent home and should remain out of school until the following conditions are met:

If student is not tested for COVID, they must remain out of school until 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications such as ibuprofen or Tylenol, AND other symptoms have improved, AND ten calendar days have passed since symptoms appeared. They may return sooner with a written doctor's note specifying that they may return.

If student has tested positive, they must remain out of school until the above conditions are met.

Please also keep your student home if they have an unexplained rash, or red discharging eyes.

For the safety of other students and staff members in addition to the well-being of your child, please provide the names and phone numbers of at least two other responsible adults WHO CAN PICK UP YOUR STUDENT in the event of illness. It is very important that ill students be picked up as soon as possible. In the event that you are unable to be reached, a resource officer or other school official may be dispatched to your home or place of business.

If we remain unable to reach an emergency contact, we may contact the Department of Child Services. Therefore, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you contact the school if your phone number changes or you need to change an emergency contact. If while waiting for pickup your child has a decline in condition or becomes unstable, we may contact Emergency Services for ambulance dispatch at the parent's expense.

All medications to be given at school will require a written doctor's order. This includes over-the-counter medications. Medications should be given at home if at all possible; for example morning medications should be given prior to the student leaving for school; discuss with your provider how short-term medications can be given around a school schedule. Nebulizers will not be given in the school until further notice. If your student needs to use an inhaler at school, please provide a spacer.

Please make sure that your student's immunizations are up to date. This is a state law and will be strictly enforced.

Please contact your student's school nurse if you have questions regarding the above policies. These policies are based on best practices according to the State Department of Health and are subject to change as the current situation changes.

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