



# WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This letter is to inform you of our procedure in regards to children who are sick.

If your child is ill, it is often most appropriate to keep him/her home from school. A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. Please make arrangements for childcare ahead of time so you will have a place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

Our school protocol states that you should not send your child to school if he/she had:

- Fever in the past 24 hours
- Vomiting in the past 24 hours
- Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Rash
- Strep Throat - must take an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school
- Bad cold (upper respiratory infection) with a very runny nose or bad cough especially if it has kept the child awake at night.
- Head lice - must be treated according to the nurse or doctor's instruction and are completely nit (egg) free, before returning to school
- Eye infection - must take an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school

If your child becomes ill at school and the school nurse feels the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home from school. It is essential that the health office have a phone number where you can be contacted during the day and an emergency number in the event you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child home from school and that childcare is available in case of illness. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dr. Kim Prise  
School Physician



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of our procedure regarding children who present with symptoms of COVID-19.

If your child is ill and presents with symptoms of COVID-19 it is necessary to keep him/her home from school. An ill child will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. Please arrange for childcare ahead of time so you will have a place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

Our school protocol states that you should not send your child to school if he/she had:

- Fever in the past 24 hours
- Cough
- Shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing without activity
- Fatigue
- Muscle/body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

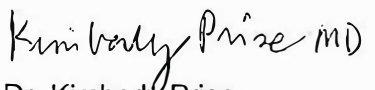
If your child becomes ill at school and presents with COVID-19 symptoms, they may be contagious to other children and staff. You will be called and will be required to take your child home.

***It is essential that the health office have a phone number where you can be reached during the day. Also, please provide an emergency contact person and phone number in the event you cannot be reached.*** Please be sure arrangements can be made to safely transport your child home from school in a timely fashion and that childcare is available.

***We recommend that you contact your child's health care provider for further evaluation and care instructions.***

Thank you for working with us to keep our children and community safe from COVID-19.

  
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