



CLIFFSIDE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In an effort to provide a safe environment for your child(ren) we may require a class of students to remain home while we investigate a child who might be showing COVID symptoms. This is not a cause for alarm. During this time, all students in the class will receive remote learning from their classroom teacher. Once the student in question is cleared, your Principal will notify you that your child can return to in-person instruction. This may be a few days or less. Although this may be a temporary inconvenience, we feel that due to current circumstances it provides for the safest school environment possible.

Also, parents/guardians whose children attend our in-person program MUST follow the guidelines below:

- **Doctor's Note:** A doctor's note is required if your child has a contagious illness or a contagious illness is suspected. If a student is absent 3 days or more a doctor's note is REQUIRED in order to return to school. Doctor's notes must have the original signature and doctor's stamp to be valid. Please make sure the student's name is listed on the doctor's note along with the appropriate dates of absences. All notes should contain a diagnosis or a description of the problem. Doctor's notes should be given to the school nurse for review. The nurse will document the medical absence.
- **When is a student sent home:** The New Jersey Department Of Health recommends that students with the following symptoms be excluded from school when at least two of the following symptoms are evident: a fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, OR, at least one of the following symptoms exists: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing or recent loss of smell or taste. If a student exhibits any of these symptoms while in school, he or she will be isolated from others and the parent will be called for pick up. Students must remain home for 72 hours and must provide a Doctor's note for re-entry.
- **Students traveling out of state:** If a student travels out of state to another state or country that is on New Jersey's list of quarantined states/countries he or she must quarantine for 14 days before re-entry. Proof of return date to New Jersey must be provided otherwise student will be quarantined for 14 days beginning with the date of contact with the school. Students who travel BY CAR to states which are not quarantined will be admitted to school. However, if a student travels BY PLANE anywhere, he or she will be quarantined for 14 days from date of return to New Jersey.
- **Students showing symptoms:** If your child is showing any symptoms related to the above please contact your physician and DO NOT send your child to school. In a positive COVID case your child MUST stay home for 14 days and at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications, show improvement of the symptoms, AND that 10 days have passed since symptom onset. For those students with severe illness, the duration of isolation may extend up to 20 days after symptom onset.

These guidelines are in place in order to ensure for the safety of our staff and students during these uncertain times. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse, Principal or my office for further clarification.

Stay safe,

Sincerely;

Mr. Michael J. Romagnino
Superintendent of Schools