



Janet M. Serino
Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians,

One of the top priorities of the Wyoming Area School District is the health of our students and employees by creating a safe and caring learning environment.

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about when to keep your child home from school due to an illness during the Covid-19 pandemic. Although it may seem obvious, children should not go to school when they are contagious to others with ANY illness. Students and staff will immediately be sent home from school if they are showing any signs of illness such as fever, cough, runny nose or shortness of breath. We would appreciate a quick response to our calls/contact.

Covid-19 symptoms can look different in people. For many people being sick with Covid-19 would be a bit like having the flu. Therefore, please do not send them to school until symptoms resolve, if Covid-19 is suspected please follow CDC guidelines and notify the school.

We recommend that you contact your child's medical provider and follow their specific guidance regarding their next steps. If your child's illness is confirmed as Covid-19, family members also require quarantine for up to 10 days, so it is important to seek medical guidance to stop community spread of Covid-19.

According to CDC guidelines, your child will need to stay home for:

- 24 hours since fever has resolved (without medication like Tylenol), AND
- All other symptoms have improved, AND
- It has been at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms.

Students may return in fewer than 10 days after meeting one of these conditions:

With verified medical documentation of alternate diagnosis for a reason for symptoms, or with documentation of a negative Covid-19 test.

Students should stay home if someone in their immediate household is Covid-19 positive OR awaiting a test result.

In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, schools are required to notify the local health department immediately of any case of Covid-19, while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act. Please let us know if your child or another family members receives a positive Covid-19 result.

According to CDC Covid-19 guidelines, it is recommended that asthma treatments using inhalers with spacers are preferred over nebulizer treatments. If your student requires a nebulizer due to asthma, please contact your physician about possibly switching to a metered-dose inhaler or dry powder inhaler for school use.

Thank you,

Janet Serino, Superintendent

Nicole Biago, RN, CSN District Nurse

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Daily Symptom Screening Tool

Adapted from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education

If your child presents with any of the following symptoms please keep them home from school.

The school nurse will use this tool to determine if a sick child needs to be sent home to quarantine with covid-like symptoms.

Symptom from GROUP A <u>1 symptom (or more):</u>	Symptom from GROUP B <u>2 or more symptoms:</u>
Cough	Fever 100.4 or above
Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing	Chills
Loss of Smell	Muscle Aches and Pains
Loss of Taste	Headache
	Sore Throat
	Nausea/Vomiting
	Diarrhea
	Fatigue
	Congestion/Runny Nose

The student should stay home if:

- 1 or more symptoms from Group A are present, OR;
- 2 or more symptoms from Group B are present, OR;
- The student is taking medication to reduce a fever.

The student should stay home if a family member in the household has a pending Covid-19 test result.

If a student is staying home from school because of potential COVID -19 symptoms OR the student was exposed to an individual who tested positive or is presumed positive, the parent/guardian MUST:

- Notify the school nurse or school principal of student absence due to Covid-19 symptoms.
- Seek medical advice to determine if Covid-19 testing should occur, and follow the directions provided by a medical professional.

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