



SCHILLER PARK
SCHOOL DISTRICT 81

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Dear SD81 Parents and Guardians:

District 81 is committed to keeping our learning community safe and healthy during the Covid-19 pandemic. As we begin to reopen our schools for in-person instruction, we are providing you with guidelines to follow. Below you will find updated guidance (9/9/20) provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

- School community members who have any Covid-19 like symptoms may not attend school until they are **symptom free and have a note from their doctor sent to school**. The next bullet is a symptom checklist for families and staff to use to determine if they are well enough to attend that day:
- Keep your child at home if they have **any** symptoms:

fever (100.4° or greater) chills, fatigue, headache, body aches, cough, nasal congestion, new loss of taste or smell, poor appetite, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, abdominal pain, diarrhea or have been in close contact to someone with symptoms or been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. For more severe symptoms like shortness of breath or difficulty breathing seek medical attention.
- For the health and safety of our community, please notify your child's school health office if your child or a member of your household has symptoms or is diagnosed with COVID-19. When you call school to report your child's absence, report any of the above symptoms. We will be in contact with you through this time and provide resources to you.
- Students and staff exhibiting **one or more** symptoms should be immediately isolated and evaluated. Schools will evaluate each student/staff to determine if this symptom is new or if it is part of an existing condition for this student/staff.
- Every symptomatic person should be evaluated by their healthcare provider on a case-by-case basis and decisions to test for COVID-19 should be based on their personal health history. Diagnostic testing is strongly encouraged whenever an individual experiences COVID-like symptoms as it is possible to have COVID-19 and other health conditions at the same time. Individuals who have undergone testing should remain home away from others while waiting for test results.

- It is recommended that medically fragile and immunocompromised students with symptoms consult with their medical provider prior to attending school.
- If one member of the household has symptoms or is being evaluated for COVID19, the rest of the household must stay home and be quarantined until an alternative diagnosis is made by a doctor's note or negative test results received. Parents/guardians are to notify the school as quickly as possible with any confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases.
- IDPH recommends that a healthcare provider licensed to practice medicine in all branches of medicine, provide medical notes and perform health check-ups.
- CDC and IDPH guidelines for students who were suspected of having COVID-19, whether they were tested or not, state that 24 hours must elapse from resolution of a fever without fever reducing medication and 10 days must pass after symptoms first appeared.

Thank you for following these critical guidelines that aim to protect the health of our students, faculty and staff. We will continue to communicate important information and updates with you and appreciate your continued care and support.

Sincerely,

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