

HEALTHY AT SCHOOL

Notes from the Nurse's desk as we prepare for the re-entry to school during the Covid-19 health crisis



BACK TO SCHOOL

First of all, the nursing staff here at the Newport School Based Health Clinic would like to say “*Welcome Back*”! We have missed seeing our student’s smiling faces and look forward to helping them return to school in the safest and healthiest way possible. With that being said, we would like to pass along a few reminders to you as we prepare for the upcoming first day of school.

Temperatures: Temperatures will be taken on every student daily. If your child is a walker or car rider, his/her temperature will be taken at the school entrance. Bus riders will have their temperature taken prior to boarding the bus. **Any student with a temperature greater than 100.0 will not be permitted to attend school that day.**

Masks: All students will be required to wear a mask to school every day. The mask must cover his/her mouth AND nose and should be either a medical grade mask, or 2-ply cloth mask. Gaiters are acceptable if 2-ply.

***In the event that a student arrives at school or the bus without a mask, one will be provided to them and a parent/guardian will be notified. After the 4th occurrence, the student will be re-assigned to virtual learning.**

Illness at home: Please remember to keep your child home from school if he/she has any of the following Covid-19 symptoms:

*Fever greater than 100.0.

*New Rash

*Cough

* Exposure to a Covid-19 case during a 48 hour period before onset of symptoms

*Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

***If you child arrives to school with any of the above symptoms, you will be notified to pick up.**

****Please don't hesitate to call the School Based Health Clinic at 291-1910 for guidance if you are unsure if you should keep your child home or not**

Illness at school: Should your child develop any of the above listed symptoms during school hours, a parent/guardian will be contacted to pick him/her up from school. The parent/guardian will have **1 hour** to pick student up. If a voicemail message has to be left for a parent/guardian regarding an ill student, the parent/guardian will have 15 min to return phone call.

****For the above reasons, it is essential that all student profiles be up to date, including contact names and phone number as well as the names of those living in the same household. Please contact the school office staff prior to the first day of school to do so.**

Immunizations and Physicals: School physicals and up to date immunization certificates are still required by the state of Kentucky for kindergarten and 6th grade admissions, for both in-school AND virtual learning students.

***Liz Tanner, Nurse Practitioner, will be available to perform these at the School Based Health Clinic located at Newport Intermediate School beginning Tuesday August 18th. These services are free of charge to any student in the district. Please call the clinic at 291-1910 to schedule an appointment.**

Medications: If your child is required to take scheduled medications during school hours, please notify the nursing staff to make arrangements to bring medications in.

***A *Permission for Prescribed Medication form* must be completed by a physician before medications can be administered. These forms are available at the school office.**

And last but certainly not least, it is important to remember that in addition to the current Covid-19 health crisis, we will soon be entering cold and flu season. Please continue to reinforce frequent handwashing, coughing or sneezing into elbow or tissue and overall good hygiene with your children.

Please don't hesitate to call your child's school and ask to speak to the nurse for any questions or concerns.

Please Keep your child home from school if they have the following symptoms:

Temperature of 100.0 or greater AND/OR

Cough AND/OR

Vomiting/Diarrhea AND/OR

New Rash AND/OR

Exposure to someone with COVID-19 in past 48 hrs.

** Remember, if your child arrives at school with any of the above symptoms a parent or guardian will be notified to pick him/her up immediately.



