

HEALTH OFFICE NOTES

Dear Laker Families,

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in many changes throughout the district, including health protocols at school. We need to make sure you are informed and understand the expectations.

Screening - it is highly recommended that all students and staff complete a Home COVID-19 Screening on a daily basis. The screening tool is attached. You do not need to provide the completed questionnaire to school.

Illness at School - Per the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) COVID Decision Tree, students will be evaluated for the following symptoms:

More common: fever greater than or equal to 100.4° F, new onset and/or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell.

Less common: sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, muscle pain, excessive fatigue, new onset of severe headache, new onset of nasal congestion or runny nose.

If your child has 1 of the "more common" symptoms OR 2 or more of the "less common" symptoms, they will be sent home. Siblings and other children living in your home will likely be sent home. We will also follow the MDH COVID Decision Tree when determining their return to school.

Phone numbers - Please make sure your child's school has updated phone numbers on file, including your emergency contacts, in the event we need to contact you.

Medication - We ask that you give daily medications at home to minimize health office traffic. However, if your child requires medication during school hours, please refer to the medication protocol found on the [Health Office Site](#).

We continue to monitor local Covid-19 activity and we will need to adapt in order to protect the health of our students and staff. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

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