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Dear Seaford Families,

There have been occasions when students have had a health condition that has caused a symptom, such as a headache, that is also a symptom of COVID. The procedures that will be followed in all school buildings in these circumstances are as follows:

If a student becomes ill in school, our school nurses will assess individuals in the health office. When illness occurs outside of the school day, the parent/guardian should call the school nurse to discuss the symptoms. Based on guidance from NYSDOH and the CDC, the nurse will isolate and dismiss any student who has a fever **OR** any other symptoms of COVID-19 that is not explained by a chronic health condition or non-COVID related illness.

<u>COVID-19 Symptoms:</u>	
Fever 100.0 or greater	Headache
New onset of loss of taste or smell	Muscle aches
Shortness of breath	Congestion/runny nose
Difficulty breathing	Chills
New or worsening cough	Diarrhea
Sore throat	Nausea or vomiting
Fatigue	

Anyone sent home with COVID-19 symptoms **MUST be seen by a healthcare provider (M.D., D.O., N.P., P.A.) and have resolution of the symptoms for 24 hours prior to returning. The student must also have a negative COVID-19 test and a clearance note from their healthcare provider OR a note from their healthcare provider stating that the student's health condition is NOT COVID-related, and that they are cleared to return to school. The note must be presented to the school nurse prior to the student riding the school bus and/or entering a school building.**

Should you have any questions regarding return to school procedures for your child, kindly contact your school nurse. For your convenience, the entire Reopening of Schools Plan, can be accessed by clicking here: https://www.seaford.kl2.ny.us/domain/938

As always, the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff is our priority. Your patience and support are greatly appreciated.

Yours in Seaford Pride, *Adele V. Pecora*

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