Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

Updated Health Center Policies as Related to COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, it has become necessary for DVUSD Schools to revise some of its policies and procedures. The Health Center (HC) will operate somewhat differently this year. Based on Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) recommendations on how to best promote the safety, health and welfare of our school and community, we are implementing the following changes:

Your help to ensure that these guidelines are followed is greatly appreciated.

DVUSD Schools are following recommendations by MCDPH and the CDC listed below.

- **Our District is requiring that families do daily symptom and temperature checks before sending your child to school. In-Person Learning Checklist:**
- **DO NOT bring your student to school or put them on the bus if your student has any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed below. Per the MCDPH, during the COVID-19 pandemic, schools must consider any and all symptoms included in the CDC list of COVID-19 related symptoms, *no matter how mild*, to be related to COVID-19. The exception is symptoms related to a known chronic condition as long as they have not worsened. (See specific information related to chronic medical conditions below.)**

- **Parents will be called for the following symptoms CDC Website**
  - **FEVER of 100-degrees or more**
  - **Chills**
  - **Cough**
  - **Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing**
  - **Fatigue**
  - **Muscle or Body Aches**
  - **Headache**
  - **New loss or taste or smell**
  - **Sore Throat**
  - **Congestion or Runny Nose**
  - **Nausea/Vomiting**
  - **Diarrhea**

- **Students need to stay home for 2-WEEKS (14 days), if they come within 6 feet or are exposed for greater than 10 minutes to anyone known to have COVID-19. Please follow the MCDPH guidelines listed in the following link. (Quarantine Guidance document) https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/58863/Home-Isolation-Guidance?bidId=).**

- **If a student develops symptoms during this 14-day period, they must remain in isolation for 10 days from the day of onset of symptoms. Please contact your student's nurse if you have further questions.**

- **IMPORTANT. Parents will be notified if their student is exhibiting any symptoms possibly related to COVID-19. Parent or emergency contact MUST pick up the student within an hour of notification. If no one is available to pick up the student and his or her symptoms worsen, the emergency medical system will be activated.**

- **Per MCDPH, students with any illness, no matter how mild the symptoms, may be sent home more often due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

  Students with Asthma:
  It is recommended that treatment for Asthma symptoms will be done with an INHALER and a SPACER. This includes students who carry their own inhaler. As Nebulizer treatments (SVN) have the potential to aerosolize viruses, they will only be given in an emergency. Please contact your child's doctor to discuss alternate treatment plans, if nebulizer treatments are needed frequently in the school setting. Any student requiring nebulizer treatments for a respiratory illness, such as bronchitis or pneumonia must complete the treatment course before returning to school.

  Students with Other Chronic Medical Conditions:
  Any student with a known and documented diagnosis e.g. allergies, migraine headaches, may return to school when symptoms have improved, and student has NO fever for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and student has no other symptom that could be associated with COVID-19. A physician should assess any student with unresolved symptoms.

- **10 THINGS YOU CAN DO AT HOME:** MCDPH Parent Guidance to Prepare for Returning Back to School