



BRECKENRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Breckenridge Huskie Families,

All local districts within the Gratiot-Isabella Intermediate School District are working in conjunction with Dr. Morse, the Medical Director for District Health Department 10 and the Central Michigan District Health Department to provide the safest school environments possible.

Under direction from Dr. Morse, the following changes are being made to our protocols and procedures for students exhibiting with symptoms at school:

In an attempt to reduce COVID-19 exposures, students with any of the following symptoms (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness) will be required to be excluded from school:

- Temperature 100.4 or above or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache

While all or any of these symptoms could be the result of pre-existing conditions or other illnesses, Gratiot County is considered to be higher risk for community spread of COVID-19 according to the MI Safe Start Map (www.mistartmap.info). As such, extra precautions are necessary. If a student is excluded from school for any of the previously listed symptoms, the student should see a health care provider for further evaluation and/or be tested for COVID-19 (testing sites can be found at www.mi.gov/coronavirustest or by calling 211). Unless the student was a close contact to someone with COVID-19, the student may return to school if they test negative for COVID-19 or their healthcare provider diagnoses them with another cause for their symptoms. If the student tests positive for COVID-19 or is not able to provide another diagnosis from a healthcare provider, they must remain out of school for at least fourteen days since the symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours without fever (without fever-reducing medicine) and symptoms have improved.

To assist you in understanding the process required to return to school, a MMDHD flowchart has been included with this letter. The adjustment to this process is that students demonstrating symptoms must seek medical treatment to have an alternate diagnosis OR have a negative COVID test OR quarantine for 14 calendar days.

Please help us as we work to implement these updated screening requirements. If your child has any of the symptoms listed above, please do not send your child to school. Thank you for your assistance and understanding as we continue in our efforts to offer in-person learning during these challenging, but rewarding times. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our Huskies healthy!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wade Slavik".

Wade Slavik, BCS Superintendent



To keep our schools healthy, if a student is absent from school or leaves school ill, documentation must be given to the office staff upon reentry. The student must be symptom free for 24 hours, or have a doctor's note with an identified diagnosis and return to school date, or a negative COVID test or be quarantined for 14 days. Symptoms include:

- Temperature or 100.4 or higher/ feeling feverish (chills/sweating)
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Vomiting, Diarrhea or Abdominal pain
- Severe/ sudden headache
- Sore throat
- Close contact with confirmed COVID case or traveled internationally

Flowchart for Handling Student Symptoms

STUDENTS

Student has ANY of the following symptom (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness):

- Temperature 100.4 or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache

EXCLUDE FROM SCHOOL

Student has ANY close contact or potential exposure risk in the past 14 days:

- Had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19
- Had close contact with person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19
- Had international travel or been on a cruise
- Lives in an area with high levels of COVID-19 in the community (Risk Level 1-3 found at www.mistartmap.info)

NO

Student may return based on the guidance for their symptoms (see "[Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools](#)"):

- Fever: at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Sore throat: improvement (if strep throat: do not return until at least 2 doses of antibiotic have been taken);
- Cough/Shortness of breath: improvement
- Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain: no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours
- Severe headache: improvement

Finish 14 Day Quarantine

YES

YES

Refer to Healthcare Provider
Refer to COVID-19 testing location for possible testing
(Schools should not require testing results as a part of return to school policies.)

Diagnosed with COVID-19 OR no other diagnosis available

HOME ISOLATION UNTIL:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication AND
- Symptoms have improved

COVID-19 Test Results NEGATIVE OR Alternate diagnosis provided by healthcare provider

NO

Had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 within last 14 days?