



FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To Parents, Guardians and Staff

The Nursing staff wish to welcome your children's return to school. With the COVID-19 requiring changes for our schools learning there are areas that will need to be addressed in the health clinics. These directives come from the Virginia Dept. of Education (VDOE), Center for Disease Control (CDC), VASN (Virginia Association of School Nurses), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the New River Valley Health Dept. (NRVHD).

Immunizations/or History & Physicals (H&P): There are no exemptions for the mandatory vaccines and H&P that are required to enter Kindergarten and the 7th grade, TDAP. This includes students that enroll in virtual learning. We must have the necessary immunizations on file prior to the beginning of school.

Visits to the clinic: Your child will be required to wear a mask to and from the classroom and the clinic. Social distancing will be maintained while in the clinic.

Complaint of not feeling well at home: If your child has a complaint of an upset stomach, stomach ache, nausea, eyes pink, headache, had a temp or a low- grade fever the night before or that morning etc. **DO NOT** treat and send to school. Please keep them at home. These symptoms (SX) could only worsen at school and expose other students and staff.

Prescription Medications: If your child has required medications to be given in school, it is recommended you talk with your Primary Care Provider (PCP) to review the medications to see if they can be given at home in the morning and afternoon or can be available in extended release formulary to be given at home.

Bringing in Medications and Paperwork: If it is necessary for medications to be given in the school setting, please bring all paperwork and prescription medications in a zip lock bag. Call to make an appt. with the nurse at your respective school before bringing anything to the school. Nurses will be in the schools starting August 4th.

Chronic Conditions (Asthma, Diabetes, Seizures etc.):

1. A letter from your child's Primary Care Provider (PCP) needs to be sent to the school and signed by you that your child is able to begin school and any other directives related for their care. This can be faxed to your respective school.
2. If your child requires Nebulizer treatments, these treatments **may not** be administered in the school setting. Your child may need to be kept at home or picked up for the treatment at home, if your PCP cannot convert to an Inhaler with a spacer.

3. All hand held Inhalers **must** have a spacer. If your child currently does not have one, your PCP will need to write a prescription. There are no exceptions.

Complaint of not feeling well at school:

1. All students **must be** seen by the nurse and evaluated. If you should receive any texts, emails/or phone calls from you child, direct them to go to the clinic to be seen by the School Nurse. **DO NOT** come and pick them up before your child has been assessed. **NO** exceptions.
2. If your child has a temp of **100.0**, you will be notified to pick them up. Your child must stay home for 72 hours and be fever free without any medication interventions. The nurse will do a follow-up to see if your child has improved.
 - a. If your child is suspected of having a COVID-19 SX, they must stay home for 10 days or 14 days if they have been exposed.
 - b. A separate area, with supervision, will be available at each school for your child to stay until they are picked up.
3. Students will be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms (SX). Due to the many SX of COVID-19, your child will **not** receive any over-the-counter (OTC) medications of Tylenol, Ibuprofen, throat lozenge, cough drops, ginger-ale, crackers, peppermints, anti-itch ointment/or Benadryl for rash or itching, etc. Any type of interventions could mask a more severe illness. You will be notified to have your child picked up. Please understand that your child cannot the ride the bus home at the end of the day if they are ill or have SX.

Students with a history of allergic reactions will receive Benadryl along with the other directives from their Action Plan.

There are no changes in our emergency procedures for any student.

Each day new information is received regarding the necessary precautions and directives for our schools. Changes will be made as information is received.

If you should have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact your respective school nurse for clarification.

The Administrators and Nurses main goal is to continue to keep students safe and provide for their well-being, both physically and mentally.