



## **FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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To Parents, Guardians and Staff,

The nursing staff wishes to welcome you back to school. With COVID-19 and the Delta Variant requiring changes for our schools, we have some changes to our health clinic practices. These directives come from the Virginia Department 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 Department (NRVHD).

**Immunizations/History & Physicals:** There are no exemptions for the mandatory vaccines and physicals that are required to enter Kindergarten and seventh grade. This includes students that enroll in virtual learning. We must have the necessary immunizations on file prior to the beginning of school.

**Visiting 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.

**Self-Monitoring Form:** It is important to complete the daily self-monitoring process. If your child has a complaint of an upset stomach, stomach ache, nausea, their eyes appear pink, headache, has a temperature or a low- grade fever the night before or that morning, please DO NOT treat and send to school. Please keep them at home. These symptoms 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 to determine if the medications can be given before or after school, or can be available in extended release formula to be given at home.

If it is necessary for medications to be given in the school setting, please call to make an appointment with the nurse at your respective school to bring all paperwork and prescription medications in a zip lock bag.

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

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.

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.

**Students Not Feeling Well at School:**

Any students not feeling well at school must be seen by the nurse and evaluated. If you should receive any texts, emails/or phone calls from your child, direct them to go to the clinic to be seen by the School Nurse. Please DO NOT come and pick up your child before they have been assessed.

If your child has a temp of 100.0°F, they will need to be picked up from school. Your child must stay home for 48 hours and be fever free without any medication. The nurse will do a follow-up to see if your child has improved.

Students will be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms, but will not receive any over-the-counter medications of Tylenol, Ibuprofen, throat lozenges, cough drops, ginger-ale, crackers, peppermints, anti-itch ointment/or Benadryl for rash or itching, etc. These medications can 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.

If your child is suspected of having a COVID-19 symptom or exposure, they must stay home for 10 days or 14 days.

A separate area, with supervision, will be available at each school for your child to stay until they are picked up.

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.

We are in regular contact with our local health department and taking every necessary precaution to keep our schools safe. If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your respective school nurse for clarification.

Thank you,

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