

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent or Guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_

To protect the safety and health of students and staff, Florida Department of Health (FDOH) COVID-19 exclusion guidelines state that students exhibiting any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be sent home or denied entry from school. We recommend that your child be evaluated by a medical provider and tested for COVID-19.

Today your child presented to the school clinic with the following symptom(s):

- Chills/fever, temperature \_\_\_\_\_
- Sore throat
- Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Nausea, diarrhea or vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Headache
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Return to School Guidelines

If your child tests **positive** for COVID-19, or if they are **not** tested or seen by a medical provider, they can return after the following criteria are met:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset **AND**
- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **AND**
- Other symptoms have improved

If your child has been evaluated by a medical provider, and they are diagnosed with another illness (e.g., ear infection, flu, strep throat), they should follow normal return policy for that illness. A note from the doctor, specifying the alternative diagnosis, should be provided, if you wish your child to return to school before the above criteria are met.

If your child has been evaluated by a medical provider, they test **negative** for COVID-19, and the provider is unable to diagnose them with a specific illness, they can return after they are fever-free and feeling well for at least 24 hours. A note from the doctor indicating the negative test and no alternate diagnosis should be provided.

Contact your School Nurse or Local FDOH COVID-19 Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ for questions or concerns.

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Principal Name

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