



With school starting in a few short days, we would like to clarify a few items related to the health and wellness of your child.

### **FACE COVERINGS**

Face coverings are required for all people, including all students, when they are inside of a building. Each student will receive 2 face coverings on the first day of school. There will be face coverings on the school bus or in the main office if students do not have one on. Students that are in special education or have health concerns will not be automatically exempt from the expectations of wearing a mask. PCSD community will work with the families on an individual basis. If you are concerned about a specific health condition, please work with our school nurses to determine the next steps. These situations will be handled on an individual basis based upon the disability needs or health impairment of the student and in the joint collaboration with your doctor.

### **ILLNESS**

We cannot stress enough the importance of keeping your child home when he/she is showing any signs or symptoms of illness. All families will receive a refrigerator magnet reminding you to self screen for symptoms of COVID 19 before sending your child to school.

### **What will happen if your child becomes ill while at school?**

He/she will be screened using the Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms in Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs — published by Brown County Health Department and supported by local Health System Partners. This is a decision tool for schools to use to help determine suspect COVID-19 symptoms. Students will be sent home from school if they show any ONE of the following symptoms: chills or fever (temperature 100.4 degrees or higher), cough, shortness of breath/trouble breathing, or new loss of sense of taste or smell. Students will be sent home from school if they show any TWO of the following symptoms: sore throat, unusual fatigue, nausea or vomiting, runny nose or nasal congestion, headache, muscle or body aches, or diarrhea. If your child meets the criteria, you will be contacted by the school staff. You will be expected to pick up your child in a timely manner and upon picking up your child, you will receive documentation of the signs and symptoms of illness observed at school. You are then **REQUIRED TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S MEDICAL PROVIDER TO DETERMINE THE NEXT STEPS.** Your medical provider may:

- Recommend COVID-19 testing
- Attribute the signs and symptoms to a different medical diagnosis
- Please be aware a medical note **MUST** be received **BEFORE** your child can return to school.
- If you choose not to contact your medical provider, you must quarantine your child for 10 days from when symptoms first appeared and until symptoms improve and he/she is fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- All siblings of the student exhibiting illness will also be sent home at this time regardless of the building that they are in.

Families are also expected to follow this same protocol before determining whether to send their children to school or keep children home if they show these symptoms. If a child is showing symptoms, please contact your health provider to determine next steps and keep all siblings home. Students who are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test must remain home until receiving notice that their test result is negative.

Additionally, if any member of a student's household is showing symptoms, the student will be expected to quarantine for 14 calendar days. If a member of a student's household tests positive, the student must remain home until cleared by the local health department to return to school.