

## **WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ILL (SICK) AT HOME**

To safeguard the health of all students, school staff and the entire community, we ask all parents/legal guardians to monitor their children for symptoms, conditions or criteria that are associated with communicable diseases, including COVID-19. Please notify the school nurse immediately if any of the following exist.

### **Students must “Stay Home” from school if they:**

- Are diagnosed with COVID-19 and have not been cleared to return to school by a physician or the Public Health Authority
- Are/were a close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual within the last 14 days and have not been cleared to return to school by a physician or the Public Health Authority
- Have an elevated body temperature of 100 degrees F. or above
- Have any sign/symptom of respiratory distress or severe asthmatic episode
- Have chest pain or pressure
- Have generalized allergic reaction
- Have seizure, head injury, severe headache, blurred vision or dizziness
- Have a persistent cough
- Have a loss of taste and/or smell
- Traveled to and spent at least 24 hours, within the last 14 days, in any state listed on CT’s COVID-19 Travel Advisory. The state must be on the Advisory list during the time spent in the specific state
- Have an undiagnosed rash or skin condition
- Have recurrent vomiting in the past 24 hours
- Have more than one episode of diarrhea
- Have large amounts of yellow/green mucus discharge from nose
- Have a severe sore throat
- Have conjunctivitis (pink eye) with discharge
- Have an active infestation of head lice or scabies
- Have a communicable disease or condition
- Have any other symptom(s), condition(s) or criteria that a healthcare professional, the school nurse or other Public Health Authority deems appropriate.

**Students experiencing any of the above symptoms or criteria will need to be assessed by a medical doctor and cleared (in writing) prior to returning to school, unless approved by the school nurse.**

**School staff and volunteers must follow the same precautions.**

## **WHEN STUDENTS ARE IN SCHOOL OR PARTICIPATING IN A SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITY**

The school nurse or school staff will contact the parents/guardians or designee to pick up the student who has any of the previously listed “Stay Home” symptoms, criteria, or if the student becomes injured. If it is an emergency, 911 will be called.

Parents/Guardians or designees are expected to pick up their student within 1 hour of notification for any health-related reason. Depending on the illness, criteria or injury, the school nurse may require the student to be assessed by a medical doctor and cleared (in writing) prior to returning to school.

To protect students, school staff and the entire community from **COVID-19**, all schools must have a room designated for the placement of students who need to be separated from the rest of the school population until such time as their parent/guardian or designee picks up the student from school. Parents/Guardians are expected to pick up their student within 1 hour of notification for any health-related reason.

### **The following are examples of criteria that may require the student to be separated:**

- A confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 within the last 14 days and/or without clearance to return to school by a physician or the Public Health Authority.
- A close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 positive individual within the last 14 days and/or without clearance to return to school by a physician or the Public Health Authority.
- An elevated body temperature of 100.00 degrees F. confirmed by the school nurse.
- A persistent cough confirmed by the school nurse.
- Any sign/symptom of respiratory distress confirmed by the school nurse (unless 911 is called).
- A loss of taste and/or smell.
- Traveled to and spent at least 24 hours, within the last 14 days, in any state listed on CT’s COVID-19 Travel Advisory. The state must be on the Advisory list during the time spent in the specific state.
- Any other symptom, condition or criteria identified by the school nurse or Public Health Authority.

**If a school employee, visitor or adult volunteer, while in school or during a school related activity, has any of the above COVID-19 related symptoms or criteria and cannot leave the premises immediately, separation may also be required. This is determined by the school nurse or Public Health Authority.**