

A quick overview of the policies and procedures for the Health Office this year and to explain how we will handle illness.

- We will follow all **CDC and IDPH guidelines** as they pertain to schools.
- We have been working closely with an infectious disease doctor from Lutheran general and been involved in many webinars/ zoom meetings with doctor's from U of C and viewing countless webinars from day 1. We have seen many changes occur and we are trying our best to stay informed.
- We are also both certified in Contract Tracing by John Hopkins university.

You and your student will receive a powerpoint with all the information including instructional videos that you will need for reentry to school.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL

- All students will have their **temperature checked** upon entering the building by using a **pedestal temperature scanners that will be located in the front link atrium.**
- **Students taking a bus will have temperature checked Prior to entering the bus. If the temperature is greater than 100.0 degrees the student will get a face shield and come to Fenwick for a recheck. If Temperature remains elevated we will call for a pick up. Time between second check is preferable.**
- We will also have a self evaluation survey located in the Magnus Health Portal that every Guardian (1 per household) will be required to complete each day.
- After speaking with the department of public health they recommend this be done prior to entering the building each day. 7:00 am will be our preferred end time.
- Even with these precautions we have no way of preventing an Asymptomatic person from entering the building or ensuring a student has not taken medication to mask a fever or other symptoms.
- This is the reason for masks to be worn during school.
- Mask and shield are equivalent to a N95.

MASKS

IDPH and ISBE have guidelines requiring all students and faculty /staff to wear masks in the building.

- All current studies have shown if everyone is masked and practicing social distancing the infection rate is extremely low.
- The reason for everyone to wear a mask and not just those in the high risk categories is that the masks provide the most protection when the person who has the infection, to be clear we do not know who is the asymptomatic person.

- The mask keeps the droplets from nasal and mouth secretions inside the mask. Placing a mask on someone who is at risk and not masking the people who may be spreading the disease is not enough to lower the infection rate.
- Fenwick will provide each student with 2 masks that follow the guidance of the CDC. Students may choose to purchase their own mask as long as they are solid black and do not have any logos on them. Students are also allowed to wear surgical or N95 masks if they choose so or are at High risk.

GENERAL HEALTH GUIDELINES

- **We ask that all students remain home when not feeling well.**
- **If a student becomes ill while at school** they will come directly to the Health Office to be assessed by one of the nurses.
- If the nurse assesses COVID like symptoms the parent/guardian will be called and the student will be placed in a separate area and sent home. We understand COVID like symptoms can also be the same symptoms as the common cold, allergies, strep throat etc. Please understand we have no way of determining the difference without a Doctor's evaluation or a COVID test. If your student is sent home we will accept a doctor's note stating that there is no need to quarantine or test for COVID as long as they are symptoms free for 72 hours. If the healthcare professional feels the student needs a covid test they must stay home for 72 hours symptom free and have a negative result with the physician's note to return to school.
- If your student is in close contact with a positive case of COVID they will need to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure to the positive person.
- In this case a negative test is not sufficient. Quarantine must continue.
- If your student tests positive for COVID please notify the school immediately and we will begin contact tracing.
- The school will call the proper Department of Public Health for reporting reasons. We will ask you to provide all close contacts who are Fenwick High School students so we may expedite the contact tracing process.
- All information is confidential and will only be shared with the Department of Health and your students counselor for purposes of academic accommodations.

LUNCH

- As it stands we will be having prepaid boxed lunch available through Quest or home packed lunch in the classroom. The student will remove their mask and eat lunch while remaining 6 feet apart. As of now we are relying on the Board of Health to help us decide on how to quarantine if there is a positive case during lunch.
- If a positive case happens to be in lunch with a group of students we will have to take this up with the DPH. They will look at this situation, case by case.
- We ask that you refrain from peanuts and nuts in the classroom.

TRAVEL BAN

- We have spoken with the IDPH in regards to the travel ban and they are suggesting 14 day quarantine. Fenwick will approach this by giving a choice of 14 day quarantine after traveling or 5-7 day quarantine and having a Covid test completed on or after the 5th day. If the test is negative the student can return to school and/or return play.
- If the IDPH changes this recommendation to a requirement we will have to look at guidelines again and the guidelines may change.
- Retreats and field trips will be on hold until further notice from the CDC.

POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

- If a student is positive the student will be isolated for 10 days from the time of the onset of symptoms. The health office will follow up with each case. There will be no returning to school unless the student has been fever free for 72 hours with no medication.

PERCENTAGE OF CASES FOR SCHOOL CLOSURE

- We have looked into the percentage of positive cases needed in order for the school to close and the IDPH will be finaling their recommendations soon.