

Dear Parents:

School has begun and so has the spread of germs, while we are still mediating the COVID-19 virus. It is necessary for any child who stays home from school or is sent home from school with any of the symptoms below to remain home until there is a clearance note signed by a doctor. We are following guidelines recommended by Suffolk County Health Department, Perrotta Consulting Company and Bay Shore School District in order to keep our school community, both students and staff safe. Everyone must comply with the Return to School Guidelines below. If a child returns to school without doctor clearance, he/she will be sent to the isolation room for parent pick-up. If any guidelines change, we will update you. We know that you understand and will cooperate for everyone's well being.

Thank you.

The following symptoms could be consistent with a COVID-19 infection:

Fever (100.0 or higher)

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Diarrhea

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Please follow the **Return to School Guidelines**

Individual tested positive for COVID:

1. At least 3 days (72 hour) have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications AND
2. The individual is free of symptoms AND
3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
4. Medical professional completes a form clearing the individual to return to school

Individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 but has not been evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19:

1. Individual is assumed to have COVID-19 and **must** complete the same set of 3 criteria listed above before returning to school

Individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return before completing the 10 day home period:

Medical professional completes a form listing an alternate diagnosis and clearing individual to return to school

OR

Medical professional completes a form confirming negative COVID-19 test and clearing the individual to return to school.

**If your child is in school, he/she will be sent home with a form from the School Nurse for the doctor to complete. Otherwise, your child's doctor will have a clearance form/note for return to school.