



STMA District Student Health Screening Protocol

Health Screening

- STMA District will implement a screening approach where a parent or guardian will assess their child(ren) for fever and a defined set of new present symptoms indicative of COVID-19. The symptom screening must occur daily prior to the students departure for school. The parent or guardian should call the school attendance line to report their child's absence.
 - Prior to the start of the 2020-2021 year parents and guardians will be provided with educational information regarding the importance of symptom monitoring, specific signs and symptoms that could be indicative of COVID-19, importance of reporting school absences related to illness, and school exclusion expectations.
 - Educational information will be disbursed through district messaging and classroom applications.
 - Using existing outreach systems, parents and guardians will periodically receive reminders to check for symptoms of household members in the morning and evening.
 - At the Elementary, Middle and High School building level, visible signs will be posted at student entry points listing the symptoms to watch for.

School Exclusion-Parent/Guardian Report of Symptoms

- If a parent calls the attendance line to report their child is experiencing symptoms of illness, received an alternative diagnosis, or has received a COVID test:
 - **Health Service staff will attempt to follow up with the family to gather more information regarding symptoms and discuss school exclusion and anticipated return date.**
 - The Minnesota Department of Health's *Schools and Child Care COVID-19 Guidance* as well as healthcare provider recommendations will be utilized to determine exclusion and return to school.
 - If the child has only 1 symptom (with the exception of cough, difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 F, or new loss of taste or smell) and does not develop any additional symptoms, the student may return 24 hours after the symptom has improved. If your child develops an additional symptom please call the attendance line and leave a description of the symptom. Health services staff will follow up with you; please do not send your child to school until you have received clearance from health services staff.
 - If parents seek out an evaluation from a health care provider, a note from the provider will be required for return, especially in the event an alternative diagnosis is provided or it is determined the child does not need to seek COVID testing.
 - In the event an alternative diagnosis is provided STMA School Health Services will follow guidance from the health care provider or the Infectious Disease in Childcare Settings and Schools Manual.
 - If a participant is diagnosed with COVID-19 the COVID 19 Health Coordinator will reach out to MDH and/or Wright County Public Health for further direction.

School Exclusion-During School Hours:

- Staff will monitor for any symptoms of illness and contact the health assistant or school nurse on site for an assessment to determine if the child is able to remain at school or needs to be excluded from school.
 - If COVID-19 symptoms or other symptoms of illness begin during the day, parent/guardian will be contacted immediately:
 - If a student has or were to develop symptoms of COVID-19 consistent with MDH guidelines, health services staff will place a barrier mask on the child (exception if the child is already wearing a cloth face covering or meets MDH guidelines for mask exemptions) and keep the child in the designated isolation area while awaiting pick-up. Identify siblings (if any) have them wait in a separate location until parent/guardian arrives.

- The parent (or their designee) must come pick up the child and siblings (if there are siblings).
- If a student is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms consistent with MDH guidelines they will be automatically excluded from in-person instruction for a minimum of 10 days unless the child tests negative for COVID-19 or an alternative diagnosis is provided by a healthcare provider, per MDH guidelines.
 - Any other siblings physically attending within the STMA school district will need to remain home for 14 days.
 - If a student tests negative for COVID-19, siblings or household members of the ill student may return to school once appropriate documentation has been provided.
- The parent/guardian will be provided an informational letter detailing why the child is being excluded and earliest return date.
- Parents are advised to contact their child’s health provider regarding their child’s symptoms.
 - If parents seek out an evaluation from a health care provider, a note from the provider will be required for return, especially in the event an alternative diagnosis is provided or it is determined the child does not need to seek COVID-19 testing.
 - In the event an alternative diagnosis is provided STMA School Health Services will follow guidance from the health care provider or the Infectious Disease in Childcare Settings and Schools Manual.
 - If a student receives an alternative diagnosis, siblings or household members of the ill student may return to school once appropriate documentation has been provided.
- ❖ If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19, please contact the COVID 19 Health Coordinator at 763-497-6545 or via email at covid19health@mystma.org. The COVID 19 Health Coordinator will reach out to MDH and Wright County Public Health for further direction.

Screening Symptoms

These symptoms indicate a possible illness that may decrease the students ability to learn and them at risk for spreading illness to others

*Experiencing one “more common” symptom listed below by themselves:

- New** onset cough or worsening cough (*for students with chronic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline*)
- Difficulty breathing
- Temperature 100.4° F or higher
- New loss of taste and/or smell

**Experiencing at least 2 of the “less common” symptoms listed below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chills <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat <input type="checkbox"/> Body aches / muscle pain <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Fatigue <input type="checkbox"/> New onset Congestion or runny nose <input type="checkbox"/> New onset headache, especially with a fever <input type="checkbox"/> Student has been in <i>close</i> contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 |
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