

Thursday, September 15, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please see Updated Sickness Protocol below. Genesee County Health Department has updated their symptoms list yesterday.

Thank you,

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

## What should I do if my child is sick?

Keep your child(ren) home. Fill out the “Student Absence Reporting” found on the HFS school website, [www.hfsgb.org](http://www.hfsgb.org), under the “Current Families” tab.

**\*Protocol from Genesee County Health Department: IF you have multiple children in your family and one child has new or worsening symptoms (defined as “any symptom different from your child’s health baseline”), ALL children must stay home until cleared by your doctor.**

**Updated directives from the Genesee County Health Department (9-15-2020):**

**A student who has any ONE of the following symptoms (not explained by child’s baseline or preexisting condition i.e. asthma):**

- Fever
- Uncontrolled cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell

**Please keep your child (and siblings) home and call the pediatrician ASAP. Must quarantine until the doctor provides an alternate diagnosis or testing shows a negative result.**

**OR**

**A student who has any TWO of the following symptoms (not explained by child’s baseline or preexisting condition i.e. seasonal allergies, migraines)**

- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Chills and sweating
- Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain
- Severe headache
- Congestion or runny nose

**Please keep your child (and siblings home) and call the pediatrician ASAP. Must quarantine until the doctor provides an alternate diagnosis or testing determines a negative result.**

**\*\*In both situations described above, it is expected you call the school office and provide an update by the end of the school day regarding what the doctor decided.**

**\*\*\*If you answered NO to both sections, use your discretion and keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Siblings are okay to attend school.**

## **CONTACT TRACING**

**IF a doctor determines that COVID testing is needed for a symptomatic student, there may be situations where the Genesee County Health Department also requires close contacts at school to quarantine while the symptomatic student awaits test results. In those situations, the students/teachers in close contact will be contacted by Mrs. Darcy Thomas, our GCCS nurse and given further instructions. Please keep in mind that the guidelines are regularly changing and we will keep you posted as we receive updated information. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we navigate these difficult times.**