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Dear Families,

We have been getting many questions in the health clinic about when students need to stay home, and when siblings are required to stay home. Attached to this letter you will find more detailed information, but here are a few scenarios to help guide you.

Your student should stay home from school if they have any ONE of the following COVID symptoms: runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, fever (100.4 or higher), or loss of smell or taste, unless there is an alternative diagnosis for one of those symptoms.

Your student should stay home if they have any TWO of the following symptoms: headache, body new or worsened fatigue, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. See attached Child In-Person Participating Algorithm).

Your student should stay home if any person living in your household has any of the symptoms. Public health officials advise that the entire household needs to remain home until an alternative diagnosis is given or a negative COVID test is achieved.

For more FAQ and COVID-19 resources, visit our website at wellington.org/covid19. We are here to support and help you. If you have any questions, please contact us in the school health clinic. The direct phone number is 614-324-1661 or you can email us at wellness@wellington.org.

Stay well, Danielle Goldfarb BSN, RN

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Stay Home or Come to School Scenarios

Scenario 1: Your 1st grader woke up with congestion this morning but does not have fever and is acting well otherwise. Should she stay home and should her 3rd grade brother stay home?

YES. Both children should stay home. Return to school when she has a negative COVID-19 test and symptoms improve. If no COVID test is obtained, she and her brother will remain home for 10 days. If a COVID test is positive - contact the school health professional at wellness@wellington.org or 614-324-1661.

Scenario 2: Your 6th grader woke up with a runny nose and itchy eyes. He is allergic to ragweed and usually has symptoms like this in the Fall which are documented in Veracross. Should he stay home?

NO because he has an alternative diagnosis for his symptoms which are consistent with allergies.

Scenario 3: Your son is in the 11th grade. He has an older brother that is a freshman in college. Your older son was home from college for Thanksgiving and had a low grade fever/cough. Now he is feeling much better. Can your 11th grader return to school after Thanksgiving break?

YES. If your college student had a COVID test and it is negative then your 11th grader may return to school. If your college student has not had a COVID test then your 11th grader needs to stay home for 10 days.

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Child In-Person Participation Algorithm

Ohio Public Health Advisory Level 2-4 Counties†

Keep Child with SYMPTOMS of COVID-19 at Home:

One of the following1:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- · New or worsened cough
- · Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- New or worsened nasal congestion or runny nose

OR

Two or more of the following1:

- Headache
- · Body aches
- · New or worsened fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

¹ Excludes symptoms attributable to an alternative diagnosis.

Clinical judgment should always guide testing practices.

Obtain COVID-19 viral test.

Following Criteria Met:	
Positive or Clinical Diagnosis	10 days after symptom onset and 24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms
Pending	Until results known
Negative	24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms
Not Tested	10 days after symptom onset and 24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms
Alternative Diagnosis	24+ hours without fever and improved

symptoms

Keep Child at Home Until

Keep Child with EXPOSURE to COVID-19 at Home:

Close contacts in a classroom or on a school bus in which students and staff were wearing face coverings at all times and social distancing, may attend in-person school, but must monitor for symptoms for 14 days and stay at home when not in school.

Close contacts with exposure in the community or during sports or extracurricular activities must still be kept at home.

Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of a person either laboratory confirmed or clinically diagnosed with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes.

Child has

Child does NOT have symptoms.

Keep Child at Home Until Following Criteria Met:

Obtain COVID-19 viral test.
If positive, isolate as detailed above.
If negative, quarantine as designated by public health.

Quarantine and monitor for symptoms2.

² The local health department will assist schools and child care centers in determining which asymptomatic children may require testing when an entire cohort, classroom or team has been exposed.

Please follow Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-13 http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3701-3-13 for exclusion for diarrhea and other infectious diseases.







[†]Counties under Level 1 Health Advisory should follow guidance by the local public health department.