



November 18, 2021

Dear Farmingdale Families,

**Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in students coming to school exhibiting Covid related symptoms. We ask that you partner with us to keep all students and staff healthy and keep this letter handy so you can check your child before leaving for school each morning.** If your child needs to be absent, please email or call the main office and provide a reason for absence. If your child requires Covid testing, please email Mrs. Kokolus at [katy.kokolus@farmingdaleschool.com](mailto:katy.kokolus@farmingdaleschool.com) so she can arrange remote learning for the child being tested as well as any siblings until results are received.

As per NJDOH guidance, students exhibiting the following symptoms must remain out of school:

- At least **one** of the following symptoms: **cough**, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder (smell), new taste disorder.
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- At least **two** of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose.

**If a student exhibits any of the above symptoms in school, they will be placed in isolation while waiting to be picked up. Please remember that parents and/or the emergency contact are expected to pick up the student within 30 minutes of initial contact to limit the child's time in isolation.**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER COVID RELATED SYMPTOMS REQUIREMENTS:**

- Documented **proof of negative PCR COVID-19 test and** remain fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication **and** symptoms have improved.
- OR
- If **COVID-19 testing is positive or no testing was done or no visit to their Healthcare provider has occurred**, the person needs to stay home for a 10 day isolation period **and** 24 hours fever free without anti-fever medicine **and** other symptoms have improved.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Edith Conroy