



Dear Parents and Guardians,

August 6, 2020

EASTCONN's Nursing and Health staff can't wait to welcome your child back to school! It's been too long, and we miss them. You will be happy to learn that we've made changes to keep all of our students as safe as possible. Please review the changes below, and, as possible, share ALL the details with your child BEFORE they return to school.

- Your child's **Student Health Update is REQUIRED BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**
- You **MUST LIST 2 EMERGENCY CONTACTS** who can pick up your student during the day, if they become sick. Please note that the emergency contacts you provide must have:
 - Consistent access to the phone numbers you list
 - A valid driver's license that must be shown at pick-up
 - A vehicle and car seat/harness, if applicable
- Any child with **COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home** as soon as possible.
- If your Student Health Update is **missing 2 Emergency Contacts, your child cannot return to school – until it's received.**
- **All students are REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK TO SCHOOL**, from the time they board the morning bus, to the time they return home on the bus. This applies to all students who are medically and developmentally able to safely wear a mask. We understand that students who attend our EAP and CDT programs may have not been exposed to mask-wearing and our team will be working to support increased tolerance to mask-wearing in 2020-2021. Staff will share additional guidance about masks in the days ahead.
- **Clean cloth masks may be worn**, if preferred. If masks get dirty or wet, they must be changed. **Please send a 2nd mask for your child.**

Students who have any of the following symptoms **MUST STAY HOME** from school and the parent or guardian must contact the child's health care provider:

- Fever, or Temperature over 100 F
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing
- Sore Throat
- New Loss of Taste or Smell
- Chills
- Head or Muscle Aches
- Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Sudden Change in Behavior/Acting Atypically for Non-Verbal Students

Please see the enclosed **quick-reference guide** for when a student may return to school. Students who are being monitored at home for COVID-19 symptoms will participate in schooling-at-home activities, as they are able.

We are all learning together how to manage the world's new COVID-19 realities. We understand how challenging these new policies may be. Our first priority is the health and safety of all students and staff. We want our students to be healthy, and we are committed to preventing the spread of COVID-19, for the sake of our students, their families and our staff. Thank you for your support, and for your trust. We value your child and will do everything in our power to keep all of our students safe during these uncertain times.

Be well,

Your EASTCONN Nursing and Health Staff