

## FROM THE DESK OF NURSE MANDY CARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to in-person learning! We are so excited to have the kid's bright and shining faces back in the building. I wanted to go over a few things with you, so that we can successfully transition safely back into the school setting.

First, I want to discuss the daily expectations for school.

- EVERY DAY, before you leave home, please check your child's temperature.
- Upon arrival at school, their temperature will be checked again by school staff.
- Face masks are required for all students. Please work with your child at home to practice keeping masks on so they are accustomed to wearing it at school.
- We are practicing social distancing in classrooms. Please work with your child to practice this at home. We understand that all kids like to be close to their friends and give hugs and high fives, but at this time, we cannot allow this in school.
- We are practicing good handwashing by wetting, applying soap and scrubbing together while we sing our ABC's. This MUST be practiced at home. We know all kids like to put their hands in mouths, eyes, and noses but this is one of the easiest ways to spread all germs, including stomach viruses, Flu and COVID-19.
- If their temperature is 99.5 or higher, a parent will be called immediately to come pick them up within a 30-minute time-frame. THIS IS MANDATORY Bibb County School District policy.

Next, I want to discuss the COVID-19 guidelines for when a student becomes ill. If your child's temperature is 100.4 or higher, please follow these guidelines:

- COVID-19 testing is strongly suggested for students that have a fever of 100.4 or higher; however, it is not required.
- If they become ill at home and are tested for COVID-19 and it comes back with a positive result, please notify the school immediately so we can take the appropriate steps per the Bibb County protocol.
- The student must quarantine for 10 days.
- If symptoms are getting better AND they have had no fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications) they may return to school after the 10-day isolation period.
- If they have a negative COVID-19 test, they may return to school before the 10-day period is up, under these conditions:
  - (1) Their symptoms are improving

(2) They are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours.

(3) They must bring the negative test results and a doctor's note stating they are safe to return to school.

Lastly, I want to discuss the COVID-19 guidelines for a student who has had close contact (less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

- Student must quarantine for 14 days at home and you should reach out to the child's teacher through the Remind app.
- If student begins to show signs of illness, it is recommended to contact the child's doctor and follow his recommendations
- If the student is positive for COVID-19, please notify the school immediately so that we can take appropriate steps per Bibb County protocol.
- Student may return after the 14 day quarantine if symptoms are getting better AND no fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications).

We appreciate all that our parents do, and will continue to do, to keep our kids and staff safe. Please know that as the nurse, I am here full-time at school to answer any questions you have about our policies and procedures for COVID-19, or any illnesses we may encounter. My office hours are 8 am to 4 pm. You can reach me at my office number listed below or via email: [mandy.story@bcsdk12.net](mailto:mandy.story@bcsdk12.net).

Thank you in advance for taking time to read and follow the new and ever-changing procedures we will encounter as the year presses on. Together we will make this year great!

In Health Always,

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