

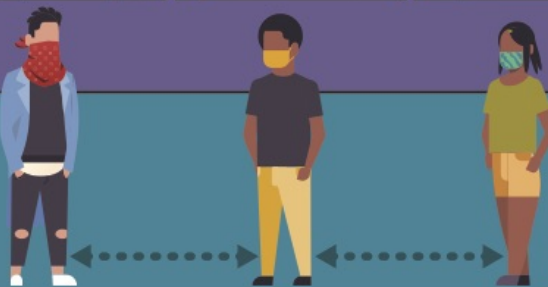
Slow the Spread of COVID-19



WHEN OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS,
WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING



AND STAY
6 FEET APART
FROM OTHERS



CLEAN
FREQUENTLY
TOUCHED
OBJECTS



DO NOT
TOUCH YOUR
EYES, NOSE,
AND MOUTH

COVER
YOUR
COUGHS
AND
SNEEZES



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK



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Dear New Roots Families,

In these uncertain times, I am looking forward to working with your child/ren to keep them safe and well. Safety has been our focus in maintaining an environment that promotes learning. In this letter you will find directions and protocols that we will be using to protect your student and our school community from COVID-19. I will say this: these are strict guidelines that we have to follow in keeping our environment the safest it can be. We all have to play our part in making sure this is practiced to the highest standard possible.

We will be following the Tompkins County Health Department guidelines when it comes to determining whether to send a student home. It is extremely important that you keep your child home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- chills
- cough
- shortness of breath
- fatigue
- headache
- muscle aches or pains
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting two or more times in the last 24 hours
- diarrhea in the last 24 hours

If your student presents with any of these symptoms at school they will be sent home. Even if they appear well, they will be sent home immediately or placed in isolation until a caregiver can pick them up unless it is determined there is a known cause for the symptom, like allergies.

We will use the following guidelines to determine when your student can return to school:

If your student has:

1. Covid-19 related symptoms and tested positive (or did not test at all), they can return 10 days after onset of symptoms if they are fever free (without fever reducing medication) with improvement of symptoms for 3 days (72 hours) and a note from health care provider following an evaluation
2. Covid-19 related symptoms and tested negative, they can return once they feel better and are fever free (without fever reducing medication) for 24 hours, with a note from a health care provider following evaluation
3. No Covid-19 related symptoms (asymptomatic) but tested positive, they can return 10 days after testing if still not having symptoms, with a note from a health care provider following evaluation

4. Known Covid-19 exposure and no Covid-19 related symptoms (asymptomatic) and tested negative or not tested, they can return after 14 days of self-quarantine if approved by the Tompkins County Health Department
5. Symptoms proven to be caused by something other than Covid-19, they can return with a note from a health care provider following evaluation.

Please note that the decision of whether a test needs to be conducted should be determined by a healthcare provider or the local department of health.

Caregivers are encouraged to screen their child/ren at home using ParentSquare screening guidance, including a temperature check, daily before going to school. If the child screens positive for symptoms, then they need to stay home.

If the child otherwise appears well and is not in distress, the student should remain home unless their symptoms are consistent with an established chronic disease or condition, documentation of which must be on file in the student's school health record.

If a caregiver or other designated adult is unable to pick-up their student, the school nurse and/or administration will work with district transportation to arrange for travel from the school site to the student's home. Caregiver consent will be secured and confirmation of arrangements will be communicated by phone, email, or text and documented.

Although this is not ideal for everyone, it is something that must be done for the safety and wellbeing of all.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

With Warm Regards,

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