

# **HARMONY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**



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Dear Parents,

As we prepare to reopen our schools, it is imperative for parents/guardians to monitor their children at home, before sending them to school. This can be a very important contribution to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

We are asking parents to conduct daily symptom screening each morning before the school day, as well as, in the evening (Approximately 7 PM is recommended) upon return from school. We are asking that no child with symptoms be sent to school on a bus or brought to school. Below is a COVID-19 Screening Tool to utilize at home prior to each school day. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school nurse.

Please know that all district staff will screen themselves for symptoms as well, and make cautious decisions to stay home if they are sick. We are all in this together.

Temperature screening will be required upon entrance to the school for students and staff. Students will be screened by staff as they exit their buses. Also, each school will have a designated area for parent-drop off/walker arrival so all students can be screened before entering school.

Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Students will be escorted to the nurse's office immediately if they present a temperature over 100 degrees or if symptomatic. Again, we are asking families to help in the mitigation of the spread of the virus by utilizing the self-assessment before and after school each day. Please update any phone numbers with the school to ensure parents/guardians are expeditiously contacted. We understand this can be viewed as redundant, but your help is needed to ensure the safety of our school community. As we said before, we are all in this together.

Approved face coverings will be required for staff and students while in school. Mask breaks will be given as needed.

# HARMONY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID -19 SCREENING TOOL

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to utilize this checklist to assist in making a cautious decision to keep your child home or send to school. Body temperatures should be taken and recorded each morning before leaving home and each evening at approximately 7pm. Students with a temperature of 100.0 or higher should remain home. The other symptoms should be evaluated and may be documented each morning using a “Y”—Yes or “N”—No in the chart below.

If your child has serious or multiple symptoms marked “Y”, the participant should remain at home and notify their healthcare provider and school nurse.

Week Beginning: _____	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Temperature (Morning)							
Temperature (Afternoon/Evening)							
Fever/Chills							
Cough							
Sore Throat							
Short Breath/Difficult Breathing							
Loss of Taste/Smell							
Vomiting/Diarrhea/Nausea							
Headache							
Fatigue, Muscle/Body Ache							
Congestion/Runny Nose							
**Close Contact							

\*The “Close Contact” section should reflect the answer to the following question: Within the past 14 days, have you had close contact with someone who is currently sick with COVID-19 or is suspected to be infected with COVID-19? (NOTE: Close contact is defined as having been within 6 ft for 15 minutes)