

**WARRENSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2020-2021 HEALTH OFFICE FAQs**

WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE HEALTH OFFICES FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR?

* In order to be in compliance with the NYS Department of Health (DOH) COVID-19 guidelines, only visits that are absolutely necessary will be allowed to come to the Health Office (School Nurse). Minor issues such as chapped lips and band aids will be handled in the classroom whenever possible. The classroom teacher will consult the nurse by phone as needed.

*If a student needs to see one of the nurses for evaluation, it will be followed with a parent/guardian phone call to discuss the visit.

*There is a separate isolation room in the Health Office where students that are getting sent home will wait. Students in the Health Office will be seated 6' apart and have a mask on.

*If a parent is bringing in medications or picking up a student, they may wait in the foyer and the nurse will meet them.

*Medical Forms that are not urgent in nature may be dropped in the drop box outside of school, faxed or emailed. (Medical providers are willing and able to fax or email forms as well).

*For students with Asthma the current recommendation is that they use a inhaler with a spacer chamber and NOT a nebulizer. Please contact your provider and request orders and an emergency care plan be faxed to the nurse. Students in the Jr/Sr HS who are capable, are encouraged to carry an inhaler and should have an order that indicates that they are self directed and may self carry the inhaler.

(Please remember, no medication can be administered by the school nurse without an order from the doctor. An order from the last school year is no longer valid).

WHAT DO I DO IF MY STUDENT IS ABSENT?

*If your student is absent due to illness they will need a doctor's note to return to school.

*If your student is absent with a pending COVID-19 test they may NOT return to school until the results are back.

WHAT ARE POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

*Fever, Cough, SoreThroat, Shortness of Breath, Fatigue, Diarrhea, Vomiting, Runny Nose, Headache and Body Aches are all possible symptoms of COVID-19.

WHAT SYMPTOMS MEAN A STUDENT ABSOLUTELY HAS TO GO HOME?

*Any students exhibiting signs and symptoms of an Upper Respiratory Illness.

* Any potential COVID-19 symptoms that are not typical of a chronic condition for that student (for example, seasonal allergies, migraine headache, upset stomach due to anxiety).

*Fever: This is not a new policy. Any student who presents to the Health Office with a temperature of 100.0 or greater.

*If our nurses are not able to make a clear decision on whether or not to send a student home, the District Medical Director will be contacted to assist with making the decision.

WHAT IF SOMEONE IN THE DISTRICT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

*School will be closed for at least 24 hours while the building is disinfected and the Nurses and Administration will work with Public Health and the school's Medical Director in regards to exposure and how to proceed from there.

DOES MY CHILD NEED A HEALTH FORM OR IMMUNIZATIONS IF THEY ARE REMOTE LEARNERS?

***YES!!** Remote learners are still required to be up to date with immunizations and health forms. If you have received notification that your student is in need of an immunization, they must be completed within two weeks of the first day of school per the NYS Department of Education. Any student who is not in compliance will not be allowed to attend until the immunization has been completed.

As always, do not hesitate to contact your student's school nurse if you have any questions or concerns. Be sure that all emergency contact information is current and that the forms are returned to school immediately in case we need to contact you.

Thank you,

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