

September 24, 2020

### A Letter from the Nurse's Office

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following are COVID-19 guidelines from the WV Department of Education:

Students who are sick should not attend school in-person. Students should NOT attend school if they have the following:

- One of these: new onset of cough, shortness of breath, or a fever (100.4 or higher)
- At least two of these: chills, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, loss of sense of smell or taste, gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea.

If a person has a new symptom (for example, loss of smell only) with no other diagnosis to explain it, they should stay home and talk to their healthcare provider about testing for COVID-19, even if it is the only symptom they are experiencing.

If a person is given an alternative diagnosis (e/g/ strep throat, influenza, etc.) they should stay home from school and follow WVDE guidelines and provide a return to school note from their physician.

If the child has close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, the child will need to be kept home in quarantine for 14 days from the last day they may have been exposed.

NOTICE: Please have a back-up plan for your student if they should become ill at school. Due to COVID-19, if a student is exhibiting symptoms or becomes ill while at school and needs medical treatment, a parent or guardian shall be notified that their student is in need of medical attention. Upon notification to the parent or guardian, if there is a **REFUSAL** to pick up the ill student, they will be transported by Lewis County Emergency Squad to Stonewall Jackson Memorial Mon-Health Emergency Department for treatment.

- **Soiled clothing**-If your child soils their clothing during the school day, you will be notified, and the clothing will be double bagged. You will have 24 hours to pick it up. We cannot send it home on the bus. If it's not picked up within 24 hours of notification, it will be disposed of.
- **Medication**-If your child needs medication at school, please notify the nurse so they can provide you with the correct paperwork. A physician's order must be filled out by the parent and physician.
- **Staff**-The LCBOE has approved extra nursing staff to better manage the health needs of our students during COVID for the first nine weeks. Each school has a RN or LPN on site.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Allison McWhorter, RN at 304-269-8315, Casey Rittenhouse, RN at 304-269-8325, or the Lewis County Health Department at 304-269-8218.

