

Sturgis Charter Public School

An International Baccalaureate World School



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Dear Sturgis Families,

With the increase in positive COVID-19 cases in Barnstable we wanted to remind you of a few things.

Please do not send your child to school for any reason if:

- they are having any symptoms of COVID-19
- they are notified they are a close contact of a positive case
- someone they live with is having any symptoms of COVID-19
- someone they live with is notified they are a close contact
- someone they live with tests positive for COVID

Covid-19 symptoms include:

- Fever of 100.0 or higher, chills, or shaking chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache *when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue *when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose *(not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

When a student experiences any of the above symptoms we require them to either remain out of in person learning and extracurricular activities until they have received a negative Covid test (this test must be a PCR as we do not accept rapid/antigen tests), or they must quarantine out of school for 10 full days.



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Again, please do not send your child to school or extracurricular activities until one of these options has been completed. If you choose to have your child quarantine, please contact the school nurse for the date that your child may return.

If someone in your household is currently being tested for Covid-19, please do not send your child to in person learning or extracurriculars until you have spoken with the school nurse and all test results are negative. There are certain situations that necessitate remote learning even after a negative test result (including close contacts) so it is important that you call and speak with the school nurse.

If someone in your household is positive for Covid-19, please do not send your child to school under any circumstances until you have spoken with the school nurse and she has notified you of our expected quarantine time as our quarantine time is longer than what the public health guidelines are.

All students are allowed to attend remotely at any time. If your child is a full time remote student and they do not attend extracurricular activities or play sports you do not have to do anything as far as school is concerned, but we do encourage you to have them tested as even mild and seemingly unrelated illness could be Covid. If they are remote and do participate in extracurriculars or sports, then they will either need to be tested or quarantine.

Please continue to use the absence reporting form if your child will be absent, tardy, or dismissed. Here is the link to the attendance form:

West: https://forms.gle/7RhDWr6NPKt5VOud6

East: https://forms.gle/6Csz6X3mbGvhJn839

Kind regards,

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