



Dear Sussex Montessori Families-

The Delaware Department of Education and Delaware Department of Health and Social Services' Division of Public Health have requested that we provide you information regarding practices related to COVID-19.

We request that students and/or their families complete a health assessment consisting of a self-screening every morning before leaving for school.

Please answer the following questions:

- In the past 14 days, been near (within 6 feet for at least 5 minutes) a person who has a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19, or had direct contact with mucus or saliva?
- In the last 48 hours, had any of the following symptoms?
 - Fever of 100 F or above (or symptoms like alternating shivering and sweating)
 - New cough
 - New trouble breathing, shortness of breath or severe wheezing
 - New chills or shaking with chills
 - New muscle aches
 - Sore throat
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - New loss of smell or taste, or a change in taste
 - Nausea
 - Fatigue
 - Headache, congestion or runny nose (with no known other cause such as allergies)

If you answered **YES** to any of the questions above, do **NOT** send your child to school today. Instead, contact your child's primary healthcare provider school nurse.

(This screening tool was adapted from the Mayo Clinic's online COVID-19 Self-Assessment. To use the Mayo Clinic's tool online, visit <https://mayoclinic.org/covid-19-self-assessment-tool>)

Additional considerations:

- Students must stay home if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been confirmed to have COVID-19 or if required by the Division of Public Health to isolate or quarantine.
- Keep children who are sick at home; do not send them to school. Do not send children to school with a fever of 100.4° or greater.
- Teach your children to wash their hands frequently with soap and running water for 20 seconds.
- Students in grades K-8 must wear cloth face coverings in the school building, except when doing so would inhibit the individual's health.
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow.
- Teach your children to practice physical and social distancing by staying at least six feet away from people other than your family.

If you have questions, please contact the SMS school nurse, Jennifer Passwaters, at 302-404-5367, or child's primary healthcare provider.

For information or general questions on COVID-19 and prevention, visit the Delaware Health and Social Services', Division of Public Health's website at <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/> or call 2-1-1 or text your ZIP code to 302-898-211 for deaf and hard of hearing.

Sincerely,

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