

Schroon Lake Central School ~ 518-532-7164

Date: _____

Dear Family,

Your child _____ is being sent home today with a symptom of Covid-19. There are several other illnesses that that can cause this sign(s) or symptom(s). An evaluation by your Health Care Provider or by an Urgent Care Center is **REQUIRED** to determine the cause. See below for the circled sign(s) or symptom(s) your child is displaying today.

* Fever 100 degrees or > *Chills * New cough *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing *New loss of taste or smell *Fatigue *Muscle or body aches *Headache *Sore throat *Congested or runny nose *Nausea or vomiting *Diarrhea

Schools must follow NYSDOH and local Health Department guidelines for returning to school.

THE STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE MUST SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION

IF A TEST IS NEGATIVE OR NOT REQUIRED BY THE HCP, the student may return to school if they receive an alternative diagnosis **AND** a written note from the HCP that would explain the Covid-19- like symptom(s), **AND** they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, **AND** they feel well enough to return. The signed note from the Health Care Provider clearing your child to return to school must be received by the school nurse **BEFORE** riding the bus or reentering the building. **Please have the medical office fax the note to the school at 518-532-0284.**

IF A COVID TEST IS POSITIVE, the student may return to school when at least 3 days have passed since fever and without the use of fever-reducing medications, **AND** improvement in respiratory symptoms have occurred, **AND** at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, **AND with a Release from Isolation letter from Essex County Health Department.** The student may participate in remote learning if feeling well enough to do so.

NEXT STEPS: Essex County Health Department will be notified by the HCP of a positive Covid-19 case and they will lead the investigation. That will include interviewing the positive case and identifying people who were in close/proximate contact with the person. The positive case will be issued an Order of Isolation which will last a minimum of 10 days from symptom onset. All contacts will be issued an Order of Quarantine and will be required to quarantine at home for 14 days after their last contact with the person who tested positive. Essex County Public Health will monitor all people daily that are under isolation and quarantine. Schroon Lake Central School will assist with the investigation as needed.

*** If a student or employee stays home due to illness, the above protocol must be followed ***

Please call the nurse's office at 532-7164 by 8:15 am daily to let us know if your child will be absent from school for any reason.

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