

Response Protocol To In-School Illness Covid-19



The following protocol will be followed in response to any student/staff illness symptomatic of Covid-19 here at Northridge Local Schools during the 2020-2021 academic year. It is important to note that changes made for 2020-2021 are temporary and do not reflect our deeply held belief in an open door, student and staff centered policy. The coronavirus pandemic requires **STRICT ADHERENCE** to public health standards.

CLINIC PROCEDURES - 2020-2021

1. The clinic will be divided into 2 sides:
 1. First Aid/Medication/Procedure/Well Child visits on Elementary side ("Well Side")
 2. Illness visits on Secondary side - this MUST be strictly enforced - potential Covid exposure will be highest in this area ("Sick Side")
2. "Sick Side" - strictly monitored to reduce exposure - physical divider between sides; physical barriers between seats for isolation; isolation area
3. **No "Drop In" visits** - staff must call the clinic prior to sending student to clinic; staff can escort students to clinic; **DO NOT ESCORT STUDENTS WHO ARE CLEARLY SYMPTOMATIC TO CLINIC - CLINIC STAFF WILL COME AND GET THEM.**
4. Students who require DAILY visits for meds/procedures may come to the "Well Side" at their appointed time with no call.
5. Clinic staff will call the classroom before returning any student back to class from the "Sick Side" after assessment.

STAFF EXPECTATIONS - 2020-2021

1. Staff will call the clinic prior to sending students per the procedures above. **CLINIC EXTENSION - 2148**
2. **SEATING CHARTS** for each classroom need to be submitted and kept in the clinic for contact tracing purposes. THIS IS VERY INCONVENIENT, BUT ALSO NECESSARY. DOCUMENTED SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE THE DIFFERENCE IN STAYING OPEN AND KEEPING EVERYONE HEALTHY.
3. Reinforce proper mask wearing, hand hygiene and social distancing.
4. **DESIGNATE SECONDARY SPACE FOR CLASS TO TEMPORARILY RELOCATE (15 MINUTES) IF ROOM NEEDS TO BE SANITIZED DUE TO SYMPTOMATIC STUDENT QUARANTINE.**

RESPONSE TO IN-SCHOOL ILLNESS - for any student exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms

1. Teacher will call clinic to inform staff; staff will come to class and escort student to "Sick Side" of the clinic.
2. Clinic staff will assess student symptoms.
3. If assessment yields asymptomatic/benign results, clinic staff will call the classroom and return student.
4. If student is deemed to be Covid-19 symptomatic, staff will:
 1. Put on appropriate PPE
 2. Place student in isolation area.
 3. Inform classroom to relocate to secondary space.
 4. Inform custodial staff to sanitize classroom.
 5. Clinic staff will instruct parent/guardian to pick up student/contact dr.
5. Clinic staff will contact trace possible close contact exposures.
6. Letters will be mailed home with remaining students.
7. All contact tracing information will be put into database.
8. Clinic will be sanitized by clinic staff.