

## Daily Screening and Symptom Check

1. Daily screening and symptom checks at home before coming to school are necessary. Families will need to check students each morning for symptoms before coming to school or getting on the bus. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.
2. If a student has any symptoms of COVID-19, they should not attend school. The family should notify their school nurse that the child will be absent and the reason for the absence. The school nurse will follow-up with the family regarding the child's symptoms. It is important to know that the symptoms of COVID-19 mimic the symptoms of many other illnesses. To protect all students and staff, any symptoms of COVID-19 will be treated as a suspected case until determined otherwise.
3. Any student that has had "close contact" with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 while that person was symptomatic should not attend school until further discussion with the school nurse. Students who have been instructed to self-isolate or quarantine by their doctor or a local public health official should remain at home and notify the school nurse.
4. All Westfield Public School staff members are expected to follow the same self-screening daily routine before arriving at work. If any staff member has any symptoms, they should notify the building nurse or the building Principal and stay home from school. Staff should follow up with their PCP for further evaluation.
5. Staff and students who become ill at school will be sent home immediately. Further guidance regarding the daily self-screening for staff and students will be communicated before the start of school.

