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COVID-19 HEALTH PROTOCOLS IN SCHOOLS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The District wants to ensure you are aware of the current protocols in place as we all work together, to the best of our abilities, to keep everyone as safe as possible during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

DAILY HOME SCREENINGS

COVID-19 can present with symptoms that overlap many common childhood diseases. Even mild illnesses will result in having your child sent home. Please do the following three screenings before leaving home.

1. HOME TEMPERATURE MONITORING:

If your child's temperature is 100°F or greater, please keep your child at home and call your healthcare provider.

2. SYMPTOM MONITORING:

If your child has <u>any</u> of the following symptoms please DO NOT send them to school:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever or chills (100°F or greater); • Cough; • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; • Fatigue; • Muscle or body aches; • Headache; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New loss of taste or smell; • Sore throat; • Congestion or runny nose; • Nausea or vomiting; and/or • Diarrhea.

3. DAILY COVID-19 SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE:

Have you or anyone in your household:

- a. Been told to self-quarantine in the last 14 days?
- b. Had symptoms in the last 14 days?
- c. Tested positive in the last 14 days?
- d. Traveled outside of NY, NJ or Connecticut in the last 14 days, including international travel?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, please speak to your healthcare provider or a member of the Health Services Team at 914-376-8226, who will guide you regarding next steps.

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SCHOOL ENTRANCES

- **Temperature Screenings:** Will be conducted for all students and staff when entering the school building. Any temperature of 100 degrees or greater will be referred to the school nurse.
- **Social distancing:** 6-foot social distancing will be maintained whenever possible.
- **Facial Coverings:** Masks or other facial coverings are **mandatory** for anyone entering a school building and throughout the day while in the building. This applies to everyone, unless developmentally inappropriate, or there is a documented medical contraindication from your healthcare provider on file.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS UPDATED ANNUALLY

- The District must have updated **working phone numbers**, and other emergency contact information, in our files. We must be able to reach you, or another family member, in the event your child becomes ill.
- Please note that prompt pick up of your child is necessary to assist us in keeping everyone safe.

We thank you for your expected compliance with these protocols and for supporting Yonkers Public Schools in maintaining a healthy learning environment for our students and working environment for our staff.

Should you have any questions, please contact your school nurse or Health Service's at 914-376-8226.

Very truly yours,

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