

CLELIAN HEIGHTS SCHOOL

AN IMPORTANT LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Cold and flu season is here.

Please understand that the school nurse cannot diagnose nor differentiate between common colds, the flu, allergies or Covid and **therefore must continue to follow** the guidelines recommended by the CDC and the PA Department of Health and Education.

If your child develops a **fever, cough and/or any cold-like symptoms (runny nose, congestion/drainage) lethargy, nausea, vomiting, and /or diarrhea while at school they will be sent home and be expected to comply with local/state guidelines and school policy. Please be respectful of the challenges we face when assessing our students for illness. Clelian Heights School has the authority to amend policies if and when necessary to protect and ensure the safety and welfare of our students and staff. Whether symptoms appear at school or at home – it is strongly recommended that you contact your child’s healthcare provider and have them seen (preferably in-person), evaluated &/or tested as soon as possible.**

We appreciate any supporting documentation from the health care provider upon your child’s return to school.

Should your child get tested for the following: flu, strep throat, mono or Covid, please DO NOT send them to school until the results are final and treatment (if necessary) has been started.

Regardless of the illness, children should remain at home until symptom- free without medication. Please do not medicate your child with fever/cold-symptom alleviating medications prior to sending them to school for an illness that is potentially infectious.

If your child becomes ill or displays any questionable symptoms while at school, the nurse and/or principal have the authority to determine whether or not your child can stay in school or be sent home. Keep in mind, you may be asked to provide **a note from the doctor &/or test results upon their return**. Keeping your child home when they are ill not only ensures a full recovery and less chance of relapse but also helps to prevent the spread of illness to other children and our staff.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.
(724) 837-8120 x 1143

Thank you for your cooperation, consideration, patience and understanding :)

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