

**Charles County Public Schools COVID-19**  
**Pre-screening Questionnaire**  
For 2021/2022 School Year  
9-8-2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

To ensure the highest level of health and safety in Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) buildings, we ask all parents to report their child's health status before coming to school. We are implementing safety measures beyond cleaning and sanitizing as we allow more employees and children into our schools.

We need your help to check your child's health each morning before they enter school. By sending your child to school, you indicate you have screened your child, and he/she is not a potential positive COVID-19 case. A child who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days, who is suffering from an upper or lower respiratory illness, or has had close contact with an ill person who has tested positive for COVID-19 should stay home.

"COVID exposure" is defined as being within six feet of a positive person for more than 15 minutes during a 24 hour period. Close contact would also include sharing a drink or utensils, kissing, hugging, or a sick person coughing or sneezing directly on you.

People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), children with the below symptoms may have COVID-19. The most common symptom of COVID-19 for school aged children is a fever and cough. If your child displays ANY of the COVID symptoms listed below, your child should stay home and your family medical care provider should be contacted.

New uncontrollable cough	Y/N
Fever (over 100.4) or higher	Y/N
New onset of severe headache, <b>with a fever of over 100.4</b>	Y/N
Sore throat <b>with visible redness</b>	Y/N
Difficulty breathing	Y/N
Vomiting	Y/N
Diarrhea	Y/N
New loss or change in your ability to taste or smell	Y/N

We will ask parents to remove any child from the center and school building within 60 minutes if they become ill.

If your child presents symptoms associated with COVID-19, please contact your family medical provider immediately. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 and they have been to school within the four days before the test or displaying symptoms, please contact the school immediately.

Students may not return to school for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or other symptoms without the use of medicines.

Parents who knowingly send children suffering from any of the COVID-19 symptoms are jeopardizing the health of other students and staff. Students sent home by the nurse with COVID symptoms may not return to in-person instruction **or school activities** unless they **receive a negative PCR test**. **Students who visit the nurse and present any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed above who are not tested will be presumed positive for COVID-19 and excluded from in-person learning and CCPS activities for 10 calendar days.**

CCPS, in partnership with the Charles County Department of Health, has purchased re-usable thermometers. Each household can receive up to two thermometers per student. If you need a thermometer, please contact your school.

Sincerely,  
Jason Stoddard  
Director, School Safety and Security