

Dear Jericho Families,

As we start the 2020-2021 school year it is important that we all work together as a community to do our part to ensure a safe, healthy and productive learning environment for our children and staff.

As we plan for opening on September 3<sup>rd</sup> we wanted to inform you of the district protocol that will be in place to insure the health and safety of all at the Jericho Schools. As per the guidance from New York State Department of Health and our medical director, please familiarize yourself with these new practices.

- **If your child is absent from school even if only one day, a phone call or email to the health office with a reason for the absence is required.**
- In the event that your child is absent from school with any of the following symptoms, please be aware that your child **must** be evaluated by a licensed health professional and provide proof of a negative COVID test to return to school.

**COVID SYMPTOMS**

**Fever (100 degrees or greater)**

**Repeated shaking with chills**

**Cough**

**Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing**

**Fatigue**

**Muscle or Body Ache**

**Headache**

**New Loss of Taste or Smell**

**Sore Throat**

**Congestion or Runny Nose**

**Nausea or Vomiting**

**Diarrhea**

Please be aware, if your child suffers from a chronic health condition that manifests itself with any of the above listed COVID symptoms, a note from your child's licensed health care provider needs to be on file in the health office. If a licensed health care provider's note is not on file, we will have to follow the above procedures. (a parent note, even if a parent is a physician will not be accepted.)

- Any child presenting to the health office with any of the above symptoms listed will be sent home (unless a licensed health care provider's note documents a prior chronic diagnosis and specific symptoms.)
- When a child is sent home from the health office with any of the above listed COVID symptoms, a medical evaluation by a licensed health care provider is needed, along with a doctor's clearance to return to school, as well as proof of a negative COVID test.

Please see the below list of COVID testing centers in our area for your convenience.

ProHEALTH Urgent Care of Jericho  
555 N. Broadway  
Jericho  
516-597-5070

City MD Syosset Urgent Care  
358 Jericho Turnpike  
Syosset  
516-677-9200

PM Pediatrics  
596 Jericho Turnpike  
Syosset  
516-677-5437

Statcare Urgent and Walk-In Medical Care Center  
232 W. Old Country Rd.  
Hicksville  
917-310-3371

Northwell Health-GoHealth Urgent Care Center Plainview  
377 S. Oyster Bay Rd.  
Plainview  
516-537-9061

We acknowledge the inconvenience that these new protocols may impose, but with your help and cooperation, together we can keep our schools healthy and safe. If you have any questions, our school nurses are available to assist you.

Thank you and stay healthy.

Best regards,

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