

WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear West Essex Families,

As you know, a great deal of time and effort has gone into the development of our reopening plan, and we need everyone's continued diligence and support as we prepare to welcome students back into our schools.

With that said, the District has established daily screening procedures for our students and employees. Our goal is to safely and respectfully screen individuals entering our schools for symptoms and history of exposure to COVID-19. Monitoring one's health history is an important step we can take to protect ourselves and others, as well as a preventative measure to help slow the spread of the virus.

Therefore, we are requiring parents/guardians to screen their children daily for symptoms and indicators of potential exposure to COVID-19. If your child meets specified symptoms and exposure criteria identified in our daily screening form, your child must remain home from school, and you should notify your school nurse for further instructions.

In addition to daily home screening, your child will get his/her temperature taken upon arrival to school with a non-contact facial detection device. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees fahrenheit or higher, he/she will be required to receive a second scan. If the temperature remains elevated, your child will receive an oral temperature measurement in the nurse's office. If your child still presents an elevated temperature, you will be required to pick up your child from school.

During the school day, our staff will continue to monitor students for noticeable symptoms of any infectious illness and will certainly help our students and families take needed actions. Additionally, if your child has a chronic illness or acute injury, please maintain open lines of communication with your school nurse.

In the event our school district becomes aware of a confirmed case of COVID-19 for an individual who has spent time in our facility, we will immediately notify local health officials, staff, and families while maintaining that individual's confidentiality. Through the [contact tracing](#) process, public health officials will identify and provide support to people (contacts) who may have been infected through exposure.

Please complete the [COVID-19 Screening Consent Form](#) for the month of October.

Moving forward, all parents/guardians must complete this consent form in the Genesis Parent Portal each month, certifying that the student and family will follow the District's screening procedures.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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