## **Edgewater School District**

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Dear Edgewater Community,

This letter reminds us of what we can do as a school community to remain as safe and healthy as possible.

To keep everyone as healthy and safe as possible, we need to have children who are ill stay at home. A child who is sick will not perform well in school and could spread the illness to other students or staff. Therefore, we ask that you screen your child(children) in the morning before school. Children with the following symptoms should not attend school.

Please keep your child home if they have **one or more** of the following symptoms:

- A temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting

Please do NOT send a child to school if they took fever-reducing medication. They are allowed to return to school when they are fever free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine.

Please keep your child home if they have **two or more** of the following symptoms:

- Feeling cold or shivering chills
- Muscle aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Nausea
- Congestion or runny nose
- Fatigue/Tiredness

COVID-positive students: Please inform your school nurse *immediately*. Students must remain home for five calendar days and be allowed to return to school when fever-free *for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication*. *Upon returning, a mask is worn for ten calendar days*.

Please ensure the school has accurate and up-to-date contact names and phone numbers. You can check this in the Parent Portal. This will help ensure we can contact parents or guardians promptly. In addition, we recommend having a plan for childcare if your child(children) will need to go home from school. This will allow your

child(children) time to rest comfortably and receive the necessary care. It will also decrease the chances of spreading any illness to others.

If all sick children stay home, we will have stronger, healthier, and happier students and staff!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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