

Dear Bulldog Family,

As we move through the summer days we are urgently preparing for a return to Minco Public Schools. There will be many challenges and several ups and downs ahead of us, but we are up to the challenges! We realize, however, for our plan to work, we need total parent, student, and employee buy-in. It will be extremely important that we have self screening taking place on a daily basis in every home. We cannot take a day off or get too relaxed because the results could lead to school closure, activity closure, and a return to full virtual schooling. None of us want to take the human element of a public school education away from our students. To that point we are going to have to check for potential symptoms:

**How to Self-Screen:**

Prior to coming to campus each day, assess yourself and/or your child(ren) for any of the following signs and symptoms of possible Covid-19 infection:

Unexplained sore throat, New loss of taste or smell, Unexplained headache, Diarrhea, Close contact with anyone having COVID-19 infection, Feeling feverish or temperature greater than 100 degrees, Chills or repeated shaking with chills, Unexplained new or worsening cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, and Unexplained muscle aches.

**Next Steps:**

All faculty, staff, students, and visitors who answered yes to any of the above questions-STOP! Do not come to school and/or activities. Contact your local medical provider!

Employees should notify their immediate supervisor. Any employee, student, contractor, or visitor who is currently diagnosed with Covid-19, or experiencing symptoms consistent with Covid-19, or has direct contact with a person with confirmed or suspected Covid-19 diagnosis, is NOT permitted to come onto school campuses.

**RETURNING TO SCHOOL CAMPUSES:**

Individuals with suspected or confirmed Covid-19 may not return to school and/or work until the conditions below, respective to their scenario are met:

In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with Covid-19, the individual may return to work or school when ALL three of the following cases are met:

1. At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 day have passed since symptoms first appeared.
2. In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be Covid-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for Covid-19, the individual is assumed to have Covid-19, and the individual may not return to school/work until the individual has completed the same three step listed above.
3. If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school/work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a note clearing the individual for return with an alternate diagnosis.

Individuals with known contact to a person who has COVID-19 may not return to school/work until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure.

If you cannot confidently answer NO to the above questions, DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL CAMPUSES. By coming to our school campuses, you are attesting that you confidently answered NO to the above questions, and have a very low risk of carrying or spreading COVID-19. If you cannot answer NO to the above questions, yet you feel bad, you may need to contact your medical provider.

To bring this letter to a conclusion, each individual associated with this school district needs to understand that the identity of who contracts COVID-19 isn't important, but the lives of our students, teachers, support personnel and our community is important. We will continue to communicate and plan

throughout the rest of the summer, and try to prepare Minco Public Schools for the safest return. Thank you for working hard with us throughout this time of the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Kevin Sims  
Superintendent