

# Gallatin County Community Unit School District No. 7

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Gallatin County CUSD is following IDPH COVID-19 Exclusion Guidance

Parents, if any of the following symptoms are exhibited by your child they need to stay home from school: Fever (100.4 or higher), headache, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, congestion, runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue, muscle or body aches. If your child does have one or more of these symptoms, **all siblings and household members must be kept home from school as well.** Please contact the school nurse if your child has a symptom so that the school is aware and can make contact with you.

## **There is certain criteria to be met before returning to school.**

- The child who is experiencing a possible COVID symptom must be evaluated by a healthcare provider and if a COVID test is performed the **child and siblings must not return to school until a lab confirmed negative test result is obtained by the school nurse. We cannot accept rapid tests.**
- If the healthcare provider does not COVID test, we can accept a healthcare provider's note (with date to return) with an **alternative diagnosis** listed. IDPH guidelines state we must have an **alternative diagnosis** listed on the physician note to be cleared to return to school.
- We will need the healthcare provider note or negative lab confirmed COVID test in hand at the school before the child/siblings return to school.
- The school nurse will contact the parents when these documents are received and clear the children to return to school.
- If you choose to not have your child evaluated by a healthcare provider, they will need to stay home from school for 10 calendar days before they return. (Also all siblings will need to stay home) At the end of the 10 days we will need a note from the parent/guardian documenting that the ill child and/or household contacts are fever free without fever-reducing meds and symptoms have improved.
- Students must be fever free for 48 hours without fever-reducing medications before returning to school.
- Our fax # is 272-4101. Nurse's email: [astanley@gallatincusd7.com](mailto:astanley@gallatincusd7.com) or [abrown@gallatincusd7.com](mailto:abrown@gallatincusd7.com)
- **Keep in mind when your child is absent from school for illness they can start virtual learning and will not be counted absent.**
- **If any member of the household is tested, all household members must isolate until the lab confirmed results are received.**