

Dear Parent/Guardian

If your student is ill and/or experiencing ANY of the following symptoms, they need to stay home or will have to be sent home per IDPH guidelines.

**Fever (100.4 or higher), headache, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, congestion or runny nose, the new loss or sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue, muscle, or body aches.**

In order for your student to return to in-person learning they must do one of the following:

1. Stay at home for at least 10 calendar days from the onset of the symptoms **AND** for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) **AND** improvement of symptoms. They can return if they are no longer symptomatic on the 11th day with a note from their parent/guardian documenting that the ill student and or household contacts are fever free without fever-reducing medications and symptoms have improved. If an individual has been identified by public health for quarantine or knows they are a close contact with a positive COVID 19 case, the 14 calendar day quarantine must be completed with a Release from Quarantine letter issued by the local health department to return.

**OR**

2. Be seen by a health care provider (only student(s) displaying symptoms) and supply the school with a health care provider's note with the **alternative diagnosis indicated.**

**OR**

3. A negative COVID-19 PCR test result or a healthcare provider's note indicating the negative test result.

When you have one symptomatic individual, **ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (e.g. siblings)**, must stay home or go home and quarantine until the symptomatic student has completed one of the three above options.

As a district, we fully understand the hardship this causes, but IDPH has changed their rules for exclusion within the last few days and we are having to make these changes per the IDPH guidelines.

Sincerely  
Galatia Schools