



# REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Every Student, Every Day... Commit, Succeed, and Lead*

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Families,

All local districts within the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District (along with the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District) are working in conjunction with Dr. Morse, the Medical Director for District Health Department 10 and the Central Michigan District Health Department to provide the safest school environments possible. In attempts to reduce COVID-19 exposures, students with any of the following symptoms (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness) will be required to be excluded from in-person instruction:

- Temperature 100.4 or above or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache

While all or any of these symptoms could be the result of pre-existing conditions or other illnesses, Mecosta and Osceola counties are currently considered to be a higher risk for community spread of COVID-19 according to the MI Safe Start Map ([www.mistartmap.info](http://www.mistartmap.info)). Counties in Risk Levels B, C, D, or E are considered to be high risk. **Osceola County is currently at Risk Level B.** As such, extra precautions are necessary. If a student is excluded from school for any of the previously listed symptoms, the student should see a health care provider for further evaluation and/or be tested for COVID-19 (testing sites can be found at [www.mi.gov/coronavirustest](http://www.mi.gov/coronavirustest) or by calling 211). Unless the student was a close contact to someone with COVID-19, the student may return to school if they test negative for COVID-19 or their healthcare provider diagnoses them with another cause for their symptoms. If the student tests positive for COVID-19 or is not able to provide another diagnosis from a healthcare provider, they must remain out of school for at least ten days since the symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours without fever (without fever-reducing medicine) and symptoms have improved. Please note that during in-person instruction exclusion (due to symptoms), your student will be provided with virtual learning opportunities.

To assist you in understanding the process required to return to school, a flowchart has been included with this letter.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding as we continue in our efforts to offer in-person learning through these challenging.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Sweet  
Superintendent

# Flowchart for Handling Student Symptoms

