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## Warrior Parents/Guardians,

With the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, we would like to remind all parents and guardians to please keep your children home if they are sick or have any symptoms of illness. Symptoms of illness include fever or chills, headache, cough, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, runny nose, muscle or body aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. If your child comes to school with one or more of the symptoms listed above, they will be sent home. I know this year has been challenging for everyone, but hopefully we will be back to normal soon. I look forward to all the students returning and I am sure we will have another successful school year.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there have been some changes in our student illness policy. If your child/children have an elevated temperature of 100.0 or above, keep them home. Do not medicate them and send them to school as this promotes the spread of illnesses. If they become ill while at school, you will be notified to come pick them up. Your child/children must be home for 72 hours without an elevated temperature. This means without the use of temperature reducing medications. They must remain home for 72 hours from the time of the last dose of Tylenol or Motrin. If they return to school before this time, they will be sent home.

# Vomitina:

If your child/children vomit 2 or more times in a day or overnight kept them home. They need to remain home until they are 24 hours symptom free (No vomiting). If your child's symptoms continue for more than 2 days and they develop a fever, contact their physician. Be mindful of signs of dehydration such as dry lips, decrease in urination or dark urine, and lack of tears when crying. Give small amounts of fluid frequently and increase the amount as it is tolerated.

### Diarrhea:

A child is considered to have diarrhea if they have 3 or more loose or watery stools in a day. They need to be kept home to prevent the spread of illness through shared public bathrooms and due to improper handwashing. As mentioned above, children need to stay home until they are 24 hours free of symptoms. If symptoms last longer than 2 days, worsen, or they develop a fever contact your physician.

# **Sore Throat:**

When a child complains of a sore throat and also has swollen glands, stomachache, headache, or fever keep them home and contact their physician to have a strep swab done. If your child is diagnosed with strep throat, they need to be on antibiotics for 3 full days before returning to school.

## Stomach ache:

If an upset stomach is the only symptom and your child/children are behaving normally send them to school. If the stomachache is accompanied with diarrhea, fever, or abdominal pain keep them home and contact the physician.

#### Colds:

Although colds seem harmless, they are easily spread. Children should be kept home if they have a frequent harsh or moist cough.

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When your child is prescribed antibiotics, it needs to be given for 24 hours before they return to school. If your child is diagnosed with strep throat, the antibiotics need to be given for 2 full days prior to the return to school.

Education is extremely important, however when your ill it effects your ability to learn and participate in class. Following the steps mentioned with help decrease the spread of illnesses and increase the number of children ready and able to learn.

If at any time during the school year your child is sent home due to illness by any of the school nurse's it is an excused absence. If they are kept home due to illness please send a note in with the student upon their return stating, they were home due to illness and that too will be excused.

If your child is showing any signs of illness, <u>please</u> keep them home. This will help decrease the spread of illness and ensure the safety of your child, as well as school staff. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 716-945-2400 ext. 6501 or e-mail me at <u>rhaley@salamancany.org</u>

Stay Safe & Healthy,

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