

# East Haddam Public Schools

Brian S. Reas, Superintendent of Schools

| 860-873-5090 |

brian.reas@easthaddamschools.org

September 11, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Screening, symptoms, and use of screening data

As we move into our third week of school, I wanted to thank everyone for their diligence in helping us make sure our students and staff remain healthy and safe. As you are likely aware, we ask parents each morning to report on how their child is feeling based on a list of symptoms identified by the Connecticut Dept. of Health (DPH) as “key symptoms” and other related symptoms that have been identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Ruvna supports the parent to know when to keep students with symptoms home. Visit the link to [Addendum 5](#) which outlines the key symptoms. Parents will also receive the “stay at home” message when a person that the student lives with or has had close contact with tested positive for COVID-19 or if the student traveled to one of the states or territories currently requiring quarantine upon return.

Ruvna supports students who have allergy symptoms and will assist the district to respond to the onset of the cold and flu season. We are collecting information on both the symptoms that may be associated with these common illnesses, and which the CDC has indicated are also associated with COVID-19. Having this aggregated data will help our district nurses identify colds and allergies.

The use of Ruvna will help us stay safe, healthy, and learning in a variety of ways.

1. It will quickly inform you if your child must stay home, reducing calls into the nurse.
2. Symptom history will reduce the likelihood that a child will be sent to the nurse for a regularly occurring symptom, and therefore potentially miss the learning that is happening.
3. School and district wide data will help us identify when more treatable or minor illnesses are occurring allowing us to react in ways that will keep your child in school. This will reduce the need of requiring unnecessary isolation, testing or doctor’s visit for ailments such as the common cold.
4. District wide, this data will help us better communicate with our healthcare partners to help monitor the overall health status of the district.

Thank you for your support of this program and keeping the health and well-being of all our students and staff a priority. Feel free to reach out to me via email at [covid.liaison@easthaddamschools.org](mailto:covid.liaison@easthaddamschools.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Jiffy Spencer*

Jennifer Spencer (“Jiffy”)

East Haddam Public Schools COVID Liaison

I Plains Road, P.O. Box 401, Moodus, CT 06469

Fax: 860-873-5092

Check us out at: [www.easthaddamschools.org](http://www.easthaddamschools.org)

Connect with us @easthaddamsd

