

East Haddam Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On August 6, 2020, the Connecticut State Department of Education issued guidance through Addendum 5 of Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together. This guidance outlined the conditions in which a student should stay home or would be sent home and what would need to occur for a student to be able to resume in-person learning.

We have had several questions related to this guidance and hoped to address some of them in this letter. I certainly understand that every situation is unique, and if you have specific questions, please contact your school's nurse to discuss your situation.

"My child has a temperature of 99.9, should I keep them home?"

Our practice is students should stay home if they have a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. We certainly understand one child's reaction to a temperature of 99.9 may be drastically different from another child's reaction. As a parent, we would understand if you chose to keep your child home; however, we would not require your child to be home unless the temperature reached above 100 degrees.

"My spouse has a fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, but my child doesn't have any symptoms. Can they come to school?"

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has indicated that unless a person who has had close contact with a student has tested positive for COVID-19 and the student has no symptoms, they should be allowed to attend school. East Haddam Public Schools will adhere to this guidance. However, if conditions change and the spouse is tested and receives a COVID-19 diagnosis, your child would need to quarantine at home for 14 days from last exposure to the person with the diagnosis.

"I work with someone who was recently diagnosed with COVID-19. What I should do?"

Regarding your children, there would be no reason, given this situation alone, to prevent your child from coming to school. The DPH defines close contact as spending at least 15 minutes within 6 feet of a person confirmed to have COVID-19. If this the case for you, you may want to speak with your physician.

Please review [Addendum 5](#) that outlines several additional events and actions that would need to be taken based on various factors. Our nurses are here to support you and your child to stay healthy. If you have any questions about this letter or the attachment, please contact the nurse or your school's principal.

In Partnership,

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