

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear South Brunswick Community,

I am reaching out to you to remind you of the partnership that is needed between families and schools regarding safety protocols. I shared in our FAQ that this year we would not be implementing the Daily Health Screenings in Genesis that was required last year. Unfortunately, we are getting to the point where we may have to institute this daily screening as we are seeing many students being sent to school with clear Covid-like symptoms that are unrelated to previous conditions. Here is how the State has defined Covid-like symptoms. The below is pulled directly from the [FAQ](#):

<p>What should I do if my child has Covid-like symptoms?</p>	<p><u>PARENTS: DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL WHEN SICK.</u></p> <p>For school settings, NJDOH recommends that students with the following symptoms be promptly isolated from others and excluded from school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least two of the following symptoms:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose;• OR At least one of the following symptoms:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, or new taste disorder.
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THIS IS THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID (OR OTHER INFECTIOUS CONDITIONS)

Here are questions that will hopefully serve as a reminder of what should occur each and every morning prior to sending a student to school.

1. Does the student CURRENTLY have a FEVER or has had a FEVER in the last 24 hours (100° or above)?

2. Is the student experiencing any symptoms from the above FAQ excerpt THAT ARE NOT OTHERWISE EXPLAINED?
3. Has the student been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 10 days or have reason to believe they have COVID-19?
4. Has the student been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?

It is very important that any student that has sought out COVID testing for any reason must stay home until he/she receives a confirmed negative test result.

Our goal is to keep our schools safe and open. The only way to do that is for ALL to do our part in keeping our schools safe. Please keep students home when sick. It is our first defense against spread and potential outbreaks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'S' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott