

## Dear ELA/BACS Families,

As we return to school, we would like to give you the most recent updates to our student illness policies with a point of emphasis on the new COVID protocol. Our organization has reviewed previous protocols, infection rates, and policies with the understanding that COVID is not going away. After reviewing these items, we have made revisions to our COVID policy in order for our students to grow, learn and succeed as we navigate the upcoming school year. We are asking that all families exercise personal responsibility in monitoring their students' health conditions.

For the health of our students, faculty and staff, the following health guidelines have been set up and will be followed at all times. A child cannot attend or remain in school with the following:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Red eyes with discharge
- Unknown rashes or weeping sores
- Live infestations
- At nurse's discretion

A student having the above symptoms should not return to campus until evaluated by a physician or symptoms have resolved. Please see below the communicable disease readmission criteria\*\*

Communicable Disease:	Readmission Criteria
1. Fever	Must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
2. Diarrhea/Vomiting	Must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.
3. Strep Throat	Must be on antibiotics for 24 hours and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications.
4. Influenza (flu)	Must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications.

5. COVID-19

Must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications and have an improvement of symptoms before returning to school. Any student who has tested positive for COVID 19 will follow the advice of his/her physician.\*

\*BACS reserves the right to revise the 22/23 COVID-19 readmission criteria if needed to remain in compliance with state and local health guidelines.

6. Pink Eye

May return to school if the student has been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours, no drainage is noted.

7. Head Lice

May return to school if they have been treated and upon return no live bugs are found.

Keeping our Broncos healthy and strong,

Darcy Gonzalez, RN

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Please see the clinic link on our school's website for readmission criteria on communicable illnesses not listed above.