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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As of October 6, 2020, the PA DOH and the PDE have updated their guidance for COVID-19 symptom screening. BVASD has updated our COVID-19 self-screening and symptom reporting procedures for students. We ask that parents/guardians continue to self-screen their children each day prior to school. If your child exhibits 1 or more symptoms in group A or 2 or more symptoms in Group B, please do not send them to school. If your child is taking fever reducing medication they also should not report to school. Please call your health care provider for further guidance. It is of utmost importance that children with COVID-19 symptoms do not report to school. We are in very unprecedented times during this COVID-19 Pandemic. By following the COVID-19 self-screening and symptom reporting procedures and guidelines we can provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our BVASD children. Please review the attached document. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Lee Dowell".

Dr. Michele Dowell

## Self Screening and COVID 19 Symptom Reporting Procedures for Students

- The school district will follow the recommendations of the PA Department of Health.
- Parents/ guardians are asked to screen their children for COVID 19 symptoms each day prior to school.

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Cough Shortness of Breath Difficulty Breathing New olfactory disorder New taste disorder	Fever (100.4 oral or equivalent) Chills Rigors(severe shaking) Myalgia(widespread muscle pain) Headache Sore Throat Nausea or Vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or runny nose

- **COVID 19 symptom chart information is cited from the PA Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education**
- **This student is to stay home if, he or she**
  - Has one or more symptoms in Group A **OR**
  - Has two or more symptoms in Group B **OR**
  - Is taking fever reducing medication
- Students with COVID 19 symptoms are not to be sent on the bus or brought to school.
- If a child exhibits any COVID 19 symptoms, the parent/ guardian will contact their PCP for further guidance.
- If a child exhibits COVID 19 symptoms, the parent/guardian will notify the building school nurse.
- Temperature screening is required for all students upon entering the school building.
- If the student's temperature is 100.4 or above during the temperature screening they will immediately be sent to the school nurse for isolation and further assessment.
- The parent/ guardian will be contacted and the student will be sent home.
- The student must be seen by a medical provider and must have a medical excuse to return to school.
- If a student who is in school begins to feel ill:
  - Report to the school nurse immediately
  - The school nurse will isolate the student and conduct an assessment
  - If COVID 19 symptoms are detected, the parent will be notified
  - The student will be sent home and the parent will be directed to contact their health care provider for further COVID 19 symptom exploration.
  - The student must have a medical excuse to return to school if they have COVID 19 symptoms
- If a student is positive for COVID 19 the parent will notify the school so proper cleaning and contact tracing may occur per the PA Department of Health guidelines.
- It is very important to cooperate with the PA Department of Health to prevent ongoing transmission of COVID 19
- The school district will notify the parents/ guardians of a positive COVID 19 case if it pertains to a student or employee of BVASD as directed per the PA Department of Health
- If there is a positive COVID 19 case in a school building, it will be closed for 2-3 days for cleaning