

## **Protocol For Illness**

### **Berlin Central School District Protocol for Monitoring for Illness on Campus**

School district staff will be instructed to observe for signs of illness in staff and students.

Anyone on campus should be monitored for the symptoms below:

- Looking flush and or sweating (not related to exercise or room temperature)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or body ache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Flushed cheeks
- Rapid or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity)
- Fatigue, and/or irritability
- Vomiting

Students or staff with signs of illness, and/or positive response to the health survey must be sent directly to the health office for an evaluation by the school nurse (RN). If the school nurse determines the student or faculty member needs to go home, the student will be sent to a dedicated isolation area, and parents will be notified to pick up their child. The parent must make arrangements for child to be picked up within one hour of being notified of illness, or prior to end of day dismissal. Ill students will not be allowed to ride the bus home. If the school nurse is not available, the ill students and staff will be sent home for follow up with a health care provider. The isolation room will be supervised. When a faculty member needs to go home, the faculty member can gather their belongings and go home.

Students and staff sent home for illness must consult with their primary care physician for guidance, or a local urgent care clinic if they do not have a primary care physician. Then follow *Protocol for Attendance* for determination on returning to school.

The CDC and NYSDOH recommend closing off areas used by a sick person and not using these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting has occurred.

Common sense must be used. For example, if a student is consuming water and it “goes down the wrong pipe”, that student will cough until the issue subsides. In this instance, a student would not need to be sent to the health office.

In addition, all teachers **MUST** call the health office prior to sending a student with the above symptoms to the health office. **It is imperative that the health office staff is aware of a possible COVID-19 issue with a student so that they can properly isolate the student.**

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