



# FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Daniel S. Behm, Superintendent

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Dear Forest Hills Families,

As we approach the start of school, the health and safety of our students and staff continue to be our top priority. To ensure students attend school *only* when they are feeling well and free of COVID-19 symptoms, parents/guardians will need to conduct a daily health screener on each of your children prior to them attending school or a school-related event. The student screener, developed by the Kent County Health Department and included in the attached document, is a simple checklist helping you screen your child for COVID-19 symptoms and to determine close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The responsibility for screening your child prior to attending school in-person is the daily responsibility of each family as part of our community effort to keep our kids safe and our schools open. We all must do our part to ensure we are able to maintain the health and safety of our schools.

At this time, there is no need for you to keep a daily log, record responses, or report the results of these daily screenings, except if you need to report a child's absence from school. It is important and required that parents/guardians report a student's absence from school or a class whether the student is attending school virtually or attending school in-person.

Your cooperation in using the daily COVID-19 screener, keeping students home when feeling ill, and following attendance-reporting procedures with your school are greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a valued partner in your child's health and the safety and welfare of others.

Sincerely,

Dan Behm  
Superintendent

Dear FHPS Families:

In order to keep our students and staff safe, it is necessary for us to limit access to the school by anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19. The best way to do that is for parents/guardians to do a daily screening of every student before they leave for school in the morning. Each student should have a parent or guardian review the symptoms below with their student every day. If you answer NO to both of the questions below, the student may come to school as usual. If you answer YES to either of these questions, please DO NOT send your student to school. If you do not send your student to school, please call the school attendance line to report the absence. Furthermore, if you have any questions as to whether or not to send your child to school, please call the school office. Thank you for helping to keep our students and staff healthy and safe.

### Daily Home Screening for Students

<p><b>Symptom Check:</b> Does your child have <b>ANY</b> of the following symptoms?</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher <b>OR</b> feels warm to touch <b>OR</b> feels feverish or has chills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New cough or change in cough for a child who often has a cough</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea, vomiting, or belly pain</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New severe headache</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>, my child does not have any symptoms.</p>
<p><b>Close Contact Check:</b> Has your child had close contact (within 6 feet of someone for 15 minutes or more) with a person who has been confirmed to have COVID-19?</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b></p>
<p><b>If your child has answered YES to either of the questions above, your child cannot attend school today. Please contact your child's school.</b></p>	