

# Wilkes-Barre Area School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

With the progression of the winter and the viral illness season, there has been much media coverage recently regarding numerous illnesses that are prevalent this time of year globally, including Influenza (“Flu”), viral Upper Respiratory Infections (URI), the coronavirus, etc. We are sending this letter home to ask you, as responsible parents/guardians, to monitor your child for any fevers, vomiting, diarrhea, productive cough, or other signs of illnesses. If your child exhibits any of these signs, he/she should be seen by a medical professional for a proper diagnosis and plan of care. Your child needs to be kept out of school and treated until the symptoms resolve. If your child is diagnosed with a specific illness (e.g., the Flu, URI, Mononucleosis, coronavirus, etc.) a medical note from your doctor or practitioner is required for readmittance to school, documenting any specific instructions, limitations, or timetables required for your child while in school.

Your child may return to school only after being free from symptoms for 24 hours without the aid of medications. This is vitally important to foster the health and wellness of the school community.

While there is currently no illness outbreak in any of our schools, we typically experience an increase in the numbers of ill students during this time of year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends frequent hand washing, covering one’s mouth/nose with any cough or sneezing, getting adequate sleep, staying home when ill, and contacting your family healthcare practitioner with any concerns as the best measures for preventing illness and staying healthy. Our school administrators are kept aware of any trends in illnesses in the schools through communication with the medical team and the custodial staffs take extra precautions in cleaning and sanitizing the school environment as needed. Your assistance with monitoring your own child and having them treated appropriately for illness is crucial in maintaining the health of our school population. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy school environment.

Sincerely,

Wilkes-Barre Area School District Administrators and Medical Department

#### Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Wilkes-Barre Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:  
The Wilkes-Barre Area School District Superintendent, 730 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0375, 570-826-7111