



Montezuma Community Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians & Staff:

We have come upon cold & flu and allergy season, knowing full-well COVID-19 is still present in our community and across the world. We know that COVID-19 can present as any of those things: a cold, the flu, allergies or a number of other ways depending on the individual.

If you or your student(s) are evaluated by a medical provider for any [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and are deemed fit to return to the school, please provide documentation from the medical provider that states this. If there is an alternative diagnosis other than COVID-19, please provide a note from the medical provider that discusses the alternative diagnosis.

Please know that even after medical evaluation for symptoms of COVID-19, staff and students must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication with other symptoms improving without the use of medications to control symptoms before returning to school.

If a person tests positive for COVID-19, a 10 day isolation will need completed from the start of symptoms per public health guidelines. The school will work closely with public health to determine a release date for positive individuals.

If your student is notified by public health or the school that they were identified as a close contact of a positive case of COVID-19, they will need to complete a 14 day quarantine per public health guidelines regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result or evaluation by a medical provider. If symptoms of COVID-19 would arise during that quarantine, please notify the school and the medical provider.

As a general reminder, if anyone in the household is being tested for COVID-19 for symptomatic reasons, all other members of the household must remain at home until test results are known.

Please refer back to the illness guidelines that can be found on the Montezuma Community School District website under the "Nurse's Office" tab, or under the COVID-19 tab to familiarize yourself with the information and guidelines used this year for illness symptoms.

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