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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we prepare to return to school it is important to be monitoring student symptoms prior to coming to school.

The Licking County Health Department (LCHD) strongly recommends that all parents check their children for possible symptoms of COVID-19 prior to sending them to school each day. If your child has one or more of the following symptoms, they should remain home until they are symptom free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, when taken by mouth
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

If your child is tested for COVID-19 they should not return to school until the test results are received. If the test results are positive for COVID-19, Licking County Health Department (LCHD) staff will contact you to determine how long your child will need to be isolated to assist with stopping the spread of the virus.

LCHD staff will also work with you to identify your child's close contacts. They will also contact the school to identify possible additional close contacts. A close contact is someone who has been within 6' of an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes. All household contacts are considered close contacts. LCHD will contact all identified close contacts and provide them with the necessary quarantine information.

The fact that your child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 does not mean they have a confirmed case of the virus. Only individuals who have laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 are considered confirmed cases.

If you have questions or concerns please call 740-670-7331 (elementary) or 740-670-7402 (middle school or high school).

Thank you for your help in keeping everyone healthy!

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