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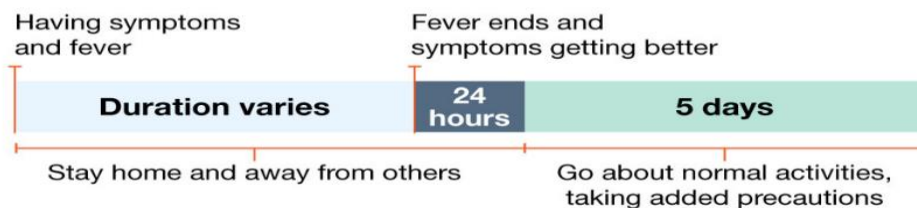
Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

This letter provides you with new guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for respiratory virus illnesses which include, but are not limited to, COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

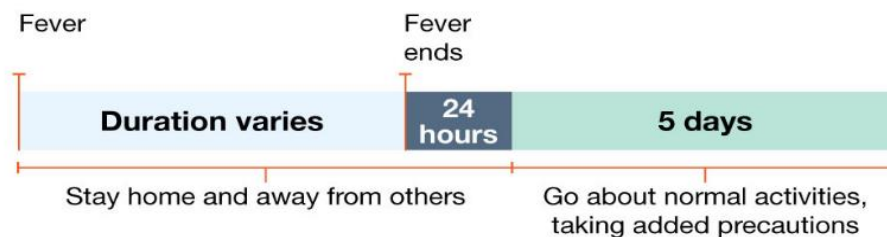
For students and staff who are sick with respiratory viral illness (cough or sore throat, AND fever 100°F) and/or a positive test result for COVID-19, RSV, or influenza, notify your school nurse. Students and staff will remain home from school/work until they are fever free for 24 hours, without fever-reducing medication, and their symptoms improve. After 24 hours of being fever free with symptom improvement, the student or staff member may return to school/work and are recommended to follow precautions for five days, which may include: masking, maintaining physical distance, or utilizing antigen testing to determine if still infectious.

Here are a few scenarios regarding returning to school/work due to a respiratory viral illness (COVID-19, RSV, influenza and more).

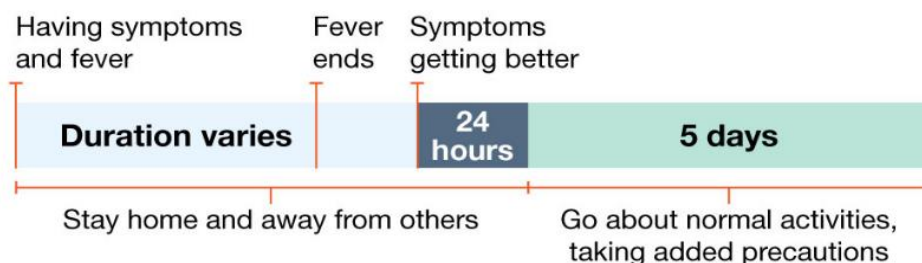
Example 1: Person with fever and symptoms.



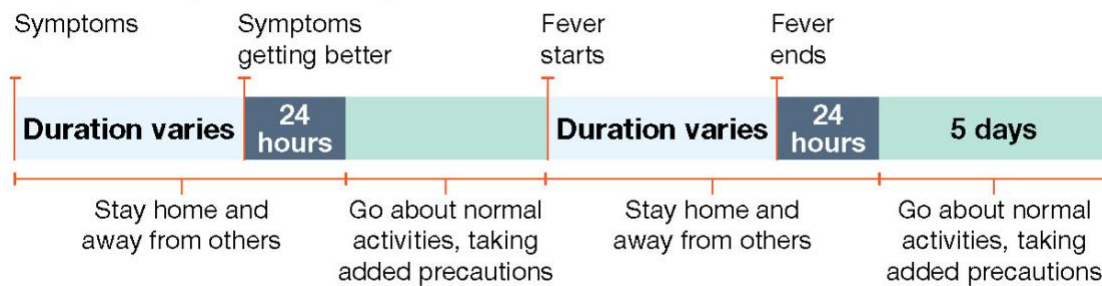
Example 2: Person with fever but no other symptoms.



Example 3: Person with fever and other symptoms, fever ends but other symptoms take longer to improve.



Example 4: Person gets better and then gets a fever.



Those who get respiratory viral illness symptoms at school/work should be sent home (fever over 100°F AND sore throat or cough). It is recommended that the student/staff member wear a mask until they go home.

In the event of an outbreak, the school will promote frequent cleaning and disinfection of high touch surface areas; improve ventilation by opening windows, using portable air cleaners, and/or improving building-wide filtration; enhance the promotion of proper hand hygiene practices among students and staff; promote the use of masks; and encourage those who have been exposed and are experiencing symptoms to seek care and testing with their primary care provider.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools