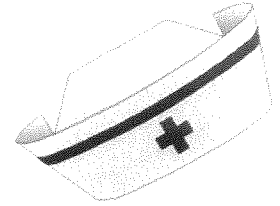




"From the Nurse's Office"



New Paltz Middle School

November 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians:

I'm so excited to be welcoming students back to the Middle School! My first priority is and always has been to keep your children healthy and safe. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought many changes to the health office. I am providing the NYSDOH flowchart and information from both county and state directives so that you understand what we all must follow. I understand that it can be both frustrating and inconvenient to be called to pick up your child from school, however all decisions will be based on guidance from the NYSDOH. Any student or staff member that is exhibiting symptoms listed on the attached NYSDOH flowchart will need to be excluded from school immediately until they are cleared to return. Please understand that this is being done in an effort to keep our students and community safe.

Listed below are some things that you can do to help keep our community and children safe during the COVID-19 return to school.

- ⇒ We suggest that you send a spare mask in a sealed bag with your student in case the one that they are wearing becomes soiled during the day.
- ⇒ Please make sure that we have current and up to date contact information on file for your child.
- ⇒ Now that colder weather is upon us, please make sure your student is dressed appropriately. Windows will be opened to increase air circulation.
- ⇒ Please remember to complete the COVID-19 survey each morning before your student attends school in person. If you answer "yes" to any questions on the survey, please contact me and keep your child home.

I realize that this is a very unsettling time for both you and your student, and encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have.

All my best,

Nurse Erin

Information for Parents/Guardians on Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizers

Dear Parent/Guardian Date:

Hand washing for 30 seconds with warm soapy water is the best way to clean hands and reduce illness. If this is not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizers (ABHS) can be used.

The use of sanitizer will be done under adult supervision. Staff will be trained when to report concerns to the school nurse.

Hand sanitizers do not work for removing allergens. Handwashing with soap and warm water is needed.

Please share this information with your child:

- A dime-size amount of hand sanitizer is all that is needed
- Rub over the hands until the gel is dry
- Keep their hands off the face, eyes, nose, or mouth while hands are wet
- If they have cuts on their hands or feel stinging, they should not use the sanitizer and tell their teacher

If you do not want your child to use hand sanitizer, please contact the school nurse. If you would like more information, contact:

Sincerely



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New Paltz Central School Medical Director

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