



DUZINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

I'm so excited to be welcoming students back! 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 New York State Department of Health (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.
- It is crucial we have current and up to date contact information on file for your child. Please report changes in phone number/ address to us as soon as possible.
- Now that colder weather is upon us, please make sure your student is dressed appropriately. Windows may 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.
- Students should bring their own water bottles each day. There is a water bottle refill station in our cafeteria that can be used when needed.
- I suggest keeping a change of clothing in your child's backpack in case of spills/accidents.

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.

Be Well,

Nurse Joy