

From our Hopewell school nurses...

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Dear Hopewell Parents and/or Guardians,

As rapidly as research and guidance is changing, we are reaching out to you to clarify our Fever Protocol as it relates to COVID-19 & Non-COVID-19 illnesses. The Department of Health & Education released new guidance on August 27, 2020 in regards to symptoms of COVID-19 and the movement of fever to Category B as a secondary symptom. This solely was for the identification and purpose of identifying COVID-19 Symptoms as listed in the box below. This does not take into consideration the Fever Protocol for all illnesses as per the Hopewell Area School District, which states a temperature above 100.4 is considered a fever and the student will be sent home and may not return to school until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

Pennsylvania Department of Health COVID symptom chart: Guidance to when to keep a child HOME

Group A: 1 or more symptoms	Group B: 2 or more symptoms
Cough Shortness of Breath Difficulty Breathing New olfactory disorder New taste disorder	Fever (Measured or Subjective) Chills Rigors (or shivering associated with a rise in temperature) Myalgia (or muscle pains or muscle aches) Headache Sore Throat Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or Runny Nose

Pennsylvania’s Department of Health and the Hopewell Area School District ask that you keep your child home, if your child:

- **Has one or more symptoms in Group A, OR**
- **Has two or more symptoms in Group B, OR**
- **Is taking fever reducing medication.**

Please note, if your child has a fever above 100.4, he or she is NOT to attend school. If the fever presents with other symptoms as it relates to COVID-19, it will be very important for you to follow the guidance established in the chart above; otherwise, the fever protocol of 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medication will go into effect. Please contact your school nurse if you need further direction.