

MANAGEMENT OF ILLNESS

Any teacher, staff member, or student who becomes ill at school with any respiratory symptom that is not known to be part of a chronic condition (i.e. asthma, allergies) will be separated from other staff/children and excluded from school. Parents/guardians are expected to pick up an ill child within **30 - 45** minutes of notification.

The Nurse's Office will be used as a sick room as it is self-contained, has a door that can be closed, has furnishings that can be easily disinfected, and allows for the relative separation of the ill person from those who are not ill. A sign will be placed on the outer door to clearly communicate the use of the room for the care of a sick person. While providing care for a person in the Nurse's Office, the School Nurse will limit interaction with other students or staff. All non-urgent, routine visits to the Nurse's Office must be halted. If necessary, the medical needs of other students may temporarily be met by another member of the school staff as designated by the Principal. When exiting the building, the ill person will use the "sick kid pick up door" which limits exposure.

A person displaying symptoms associated with COVID will be referred to their primary care provider for assessment and recommendations for COVID testing.

A person who tests positive for COVID should follow the current Maricopa County Department of Public Health Guidelines.

Using the COVID-19 School Report Form and established protocols, the School Nurse will notify the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) of positive COVID cases. MCDPH will investigate suspected cases and follow up with further recommendations for SFX.

The School Nurse will work in collaboration with Maricopa County Department of Public Health to perform contact tracing and identify those members of the community who need to follow up with a health care provider and/or begin home isolation.