



Our highest priority is ensuring the health and safety of every member of our community. Merryhill School Calvin's *Sick Policy* is designed to minimize the spread of illness throughout our campus. Our goal is to provide a healthy environment with the understanding that everyone is committed to the same goal. We ask that you assist us in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all children by reducing the spread of illness from a sick child.

The purpose of our Sick Policy:

- To reduce the spread of illness from any sick child to other children
- To reduce the possibility of relapse before the child is fully recovered from the illness, which could develop into a more serious illness and/or increases the chances of spreading illness
- To prevent the constant spread of colds, flu, and/or diarrhea

Student Illness:

Children may be sent home if they have any of the specific symptoms listed below. In the event a child becomes ill and needs to be picked-up from school, a parent will be called and are expected to arrive within one hour (60 minutes) for pick-up. If the parent(s) cannot be reached, or have not arrived within an hour, another attempt will be made to reach the parent and then the emergency contact person will be called and asked to come for pick-up.

In addition, your child must be free of all these specified symptoms (**without medication**) for at least 72 hours before they may be admitted back into school.

A student will be dismissed from school for the following:

Fever A fever of 100.4 degrees or higher with the temperature taken in the ear within 3 days

Nasal Discharge A heavy nasal discharge indicative of infection

Common Cold Excessive coughing or colored drainage from the nose and/or earache

Fatigue Feeling unusually tired

Vomiting Vomiting within the previous 72-hour period

Diarrhea Diarrhea within the previous 72-hour period

Skin Illness Signs of skin rash or excessive irritation to the child

Head Lice There are eggs/nits on the scalp or in the hair

Disease/Virus Symptoms of a certain virus and any other communicable disease within 3 days

Merryhill School is not equipped to accommodate the needs of a sick child. A child will be sent home if they are uncomfortable or unable to function in the classroom.

Following an illness, a child may return to school once he/she has either been seen by a doctor or it has been determined that the illness is NOT contagious (a doctor's note may be requested).

All children at Merryhill will be involved in physical fitness activities, both indoors and outdoors, as an important part of the curriculum. If you believe your child is not well enough to participate, you must provide a doctor's note.



Medication:

Merryhill may not administer medication of any type (including over-the-counter medication), unless the parent can present a prescription for the medication and the container is labeled with the specific child's name, specific dosage instructions, and a current date. The original prescription label must be present on the actual medication. If the medication requires a specific skill or prior training to administer the medication, the school will not be able to administer or accommodate the prescription medication.

If the child has a severe food allergy, the *Food Allergy Emergency Plan and Accommodations Form* (with step-by-step instructions) must be complete and submitted to the front office along with the child's medication for treatment in the event of an allergic reaction.

The following medications will not be administered by the school:

- Medication that is not prescribed (with appropriate documentation) by the child's doctor
- Cough Drops/Pops
- Eye Drops (*unless prescribed*)
- Medicated Ointments
- Pain Reliever

Please note: students may not keep any of the above in their possession (including cough drops/pops and inhalers). The school will not apply medicated ointments, including Neosporin for any cut or injury. If you have any questions regarding medication, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the front office.

A Medication Authorization form must be filled out completely and accompany the medication.

COVID-19 Health Information

Merryhill has implemented safety protocols and training in accordance with relevant regulations to mitigate the risk of the spread of Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 ("COVID-19"). These safety protocols and training do not indicate that there is no risk of transmission, and there is still much to learn about COVID-19, especially its effects on the younger population.

Parents are also responsible for mitigating the risks that the student may present to his or her own health or the health of others at the school. Parents and legal guardians should consider the risks and their concerns with their pediatrician or other health care providers. More information on COVID-19 is available here:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/



All students and their families must comply with the safety protocols and decisions made by the school. Should there be any need for accommodations to participate in the school programs with the safety protocols in place, please let the school leaders know as soon as possible.

The safety protocols implemented at the school may include, but are not limited to:

- If the student has a fever of 100.4 or above, or shows other symptoms of illness, he or she will be isolated and must be picked up by a parent or authorized person within one hour.
- If a student is sent home, he or she cannot return to school until he or she is symptom-free and fever-free without medication for 72 hours.
- Students and staff members are required to wear face coverings while in the school building.
- Only staff members and authorized personnel are allowed inside the school. Pick-ups and drop-offs will take place outside of the school building.
- Frequent handwashing and/or hand sanitizer application are required throughout the day.

The school reserves the right to modify safety protocols in its sole discretion in accordance with applicable regulations or current guidelines.

Parents/legal guardians are also required to monitor the student's health each day and keep him or her at home when experiencing a fever at or above 100.4 degrees, a cough, fatigue, and/or any other physical symptoms that require observation, health isolation, or medical treatment.

If a student or a family member residing in the same home has tested positive for COVID-19, come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or recently returned from air travel or a cruise trip, parents/legal guardians should communicate this to the school leaders before the student returns to campus and comply with any school directives regarding returning to campus.

All financial and tuition policies remain in place while the school provides educational services to the students. If the school's on-site classrooms close due to orders from the federal, state, or local government, the students will enroll in distance learning and tuition will continue at standard rates.

**Please keep the Sick Policy for your records.
Return the Sick Policy Agreement from the Parent/Student Handbook.**

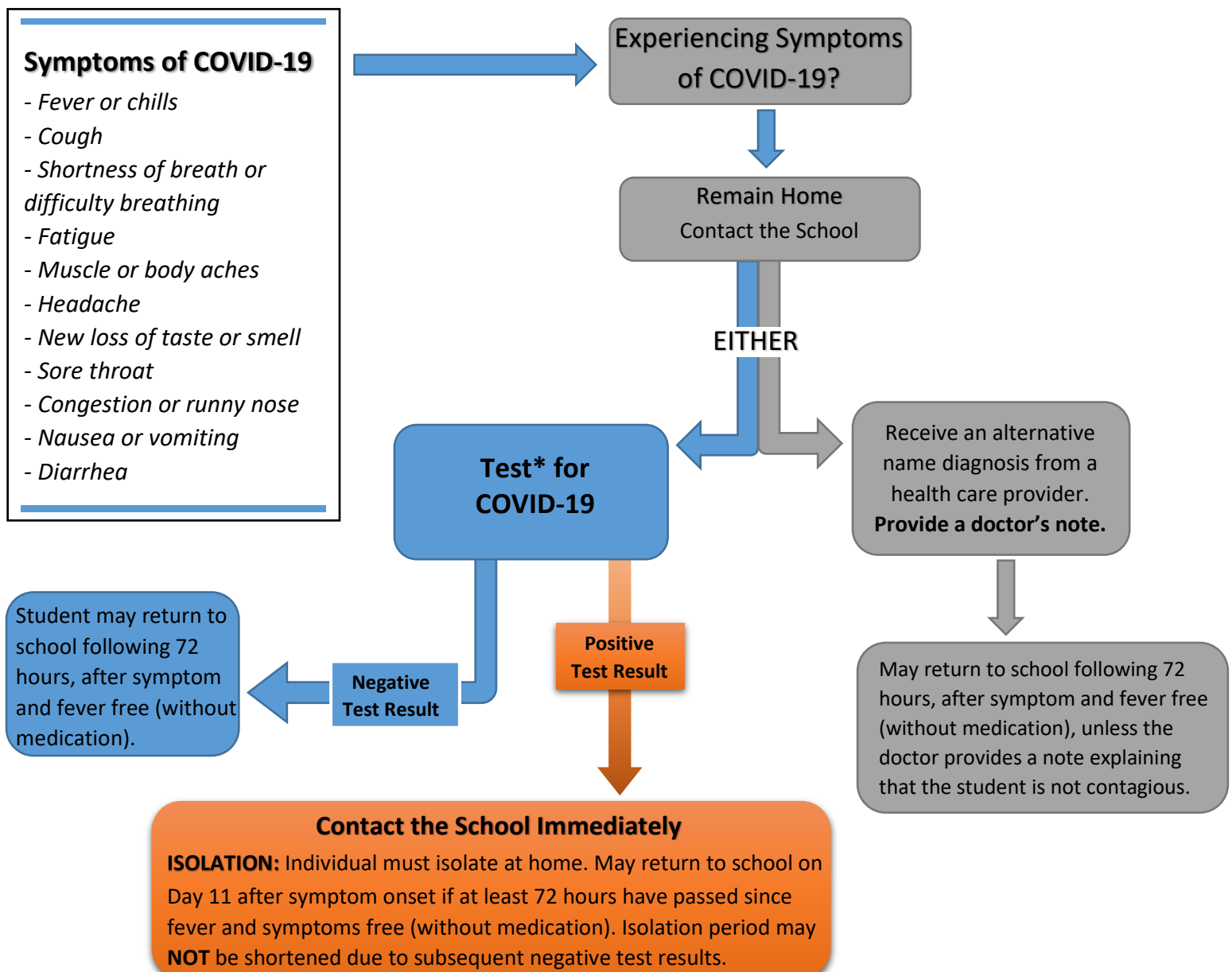


COVID-19 ADDENDUM

COVID-19 guidance and protocols continue to develop. As the guidelines are updated, families will be notified. Our school seeks guidance from Sacramento Public Health (*for schools*), California Department of Public Health (*for schools*), and then forms protocols for our school community. Often, our school's COVID-19 protocols supersede the recommendations of the Sacramento County and California Health departments. All families are expected to adhere to the COVID-19 policies and procedures set forth by the school.



Symptom Decision Tree



* PCR or rapid antigen testing are acceptable testing methods.