

Freeman Families:

The last week of having the children in school has been wonderful! Our children had limited contact with others for several months and certainly enjoy being around their friends and school community again. However, now that we are back together, we are seeing some illnesses surfacing. We have had elevated weed pollen counts that are causing seasonal allergies to flare up as well as common cold symptoms, strep throat and other viruses. Many of the symptoms exhibited with these illnesses are also seen with COVID-19. This has made it difficult to determine when a child should go to school, be sent home from school and when it is safe to return to school. Please refer to the district health department guidelines that we will be following. They are listed below. If you have any questions please contact me at [ssstanley@freemanschools.net](mailto:ssstanley@freemanschools.net).

### **Criteria to identify presumptive positive COVID-19 cases:**

Students with TWO of the following symptoms:

Fever, chills, cold/shivering, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

**OR**

Students with at least ONE of the following symptoms:

New cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell

**Children that meet the above criteria must follow the re-admittance to school guidelines listed below:**

### **Re-admittance to School**

**1. Symptomatic student who tests positive:**

\* Exclude for 10 days from the onset of symptoms

**AND**

\* After 24 hours of being fever free without the use of fever reducing medications

**AND**

\* Improved respiratory symptoms

**2. Symptomatic student not tested:**

\* Exclude 10 days from symptom onset

**AND**

\* After 24 hours of being fever free without the use of fever reducing medications

**AND**

\* Improved respiratory symptoms

**3. Symptomatic student who tests negative:**

\* Exclude until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications

**AND**

\* Improved respiratory symptoms

**A symptomatic student that is not tested may return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis and meets the school's re-admission requirements.**