



Medical Alert COVID-19 Confirmed



Date: _____

Dear Parent,

COVID-19 has been diagnosed in _____ classroom.

The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness. A diagnosis with coronavirus 229E, NL63, OC43, or HKU1 is not the same as a COVID-19 diagnosis. Patients with COVID-19 will be evaluated and cared for differently than patients with common coronavirus diagnoses.

Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, runny nose or congestion and new loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Symptoms begin 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Complications include secondary bacterial pneumonia, respiratory failure, and death.

METHODS OF CONTROL:

1. Isolate at home until symptoms subside, the individual is fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication **and** 10 days have passed since symptom onset.
2. Stress careful hand washing and sanitation procedures.

Your child must have greatly reduced symptoms and be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.

Contact your child's Healthcare provider if you have any questions or concerns.

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