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Dear Parents,

Welcome back from break! It is that time of year when students will be getting routine colds and flus. Due to the dramatic rise in COVID-19 cases and Butte County's placement into the purple tier, we ask that you remain vigilant in monitoring your child/children for symptoms of infectious illness every day. We know that screening your child is difficult as many symptoms of COVID-19 are also symptoms of common illnesses like cold and flu. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), fever and cough are the most common symptoms reported in children with COVID-19 but again, these symptoms are also present with many infections.

Please keep your child/children with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 home from school.

#### Daily Home Screening for Student

<input type="checkbox"/>	Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore throat (not allergy related)
<input type="checkbox"/>	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
<input type="checkbox"/>	New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

If your child has any of the symptoms above,

- Keep them home from school and consider whether they need to see a healthcare provider.
- Contact us at 891-3138 to report that your child is sick. We will ask some additional questions to help determine when it is safe for your child to return to school.

If your child **HAS HAD** CLOSE CONTACT with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 please keep your child home whether they have symptoms or not. If they do get symptoms or have a positive test they must stay home until at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND there has been 24 hours with no fever (without fever reducing medication) AND other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. If your student receives a negative COVID-19 test result or are not tested they must complete a full 14 day quarantine from the last contact with an infected person before returning to school.

Symptomatic students with **NO KNOWN** CLOSE CONTACT with an infected person may have symptoms due to another infection. Since this student DOES NOT have a known close contact, they may return to school **3 days** after symptoms have improved.

At this time, guidance is dictating that if you have 1 child home with any of the above symptoms all siblings should be kept home. Please contact your child's teacher to determine the best way to get work so your child/children don't get too far behind. Thank you for doing your part in helping to keep us open!

If you have any questions please feel free to email me or give me a call.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Dahlgren