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Nurse Jenell and Nurse Tori are here to care for the health of all students and staff at Pershing and we're so glad you're here! Please call us anytime with questions or concerns: 523-2430

If your child is new to Pershing or has had any changes in their health status please return a Student Health Inventory (located on the website) when your student comes to school.

Please read carefully the Parent Guidelines for when to keep your child home for certain symptoms and what to do if the nurse sends your child home for any symptoms.

SPS is asking all parents to check their student for symptoms of illness prior to sending your child to school.

When it comes to COVID-19, please follow CDC and Greene County Health Department guidelines for what to do if your student(s) test positive.

We are excited to be getting back to school in our "new normal". Please do your part in keeping all our students healthy and safe.

With your health in mind,
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Illness and Injury

Every day, before coming to school, parents/guardians must ask their child if they have any of the following symptoms and/or exposure:

Fever – temperature 100.4 degrees or greater.
Cough
Rash
Sore throat/swollen glands
Shortness of breath
Runny nose or congestion
Diarrhea
Nausea or vomiting
Fatigue
Headache
Muscle pain
Lack of appetite
Loss of taste or smell
Red, itchy, watery eyes
Persistent earache
Close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 10 days

In addition, students with the following signs or symptoms of communicable disease, must remain home for 24 hours after resolution of signs/symptoms or until cleared to return by medical provider:

- Symptoms related to possible communicable disease (skin rashes, redness of eyes, swollen glands, etc.)
- Excessive drainage from eyes, ears, persistent earache, constant cough; or painful sore throat accompanied by enlarged lymph nodes
- Students with (or having the potential to transmit) an acute infectious disease or parasite

Students who have had any of the above symptoms in the past 24 hours are asked to stay home from school until symptoms resolve without medication to relieve those symptom(s).

Students who have taken any fever-reducing medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen in the past 24 hours must stay home until they are fever-free without the use of medication for 24 hours.

What happens if my child is sent home from school?

A student will be sent home with any of the following:

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees or more
- Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea
- Symptoms related to possible communicable disease (skin rashes, redness of eyes, swollen glands, etc.)
- Excessive drainage from eyes, ears, persistent earache, constant cough; or painful sore throat accompanied by enlarged lymph nodes
- Students with (or having the potential to transmit) an acute infectious disease or parasite
- Head lice and/or nits

If a student is sent home from school due to illness, the student must remain at home for the full school day following the day dismissed. In addition, the student must be symptom free without administration of any fever reducing medications or other medications to relieve symptoms for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Students returning to school after injury, including concussion and/or surgery with crutches, casts or slings should present a physician release to return to school along with a written request for any necessary modifications or accommodations. Please discuss any questions regarding when to return to school with the school nurse and/or contact Health Services.

Head Lice Absence/Exclusion

It is the expectation of Springfield Public Schools that students excluded for head lice/nits should be treated immediately and return promptly back to school. Students should not stay home for an extended period related to head lice.

When initially excluding a student for head lice, the school nurse or designee will notify the student's parent/guardian to pick up the child and will provide treatment instructions to the parent/guardian. The student may return to school after treatment and nit removal (This could be the same day of exclusion). Upon return to school, the school nurse or designee will check the student's hair before the student can return to class. If lice or nits are still present, the school nurse or designee will send the student home for further treatment.

If the student does not return to school on the day following exclusion for head lice, the Attendance Advisor will contact the parent/guardian and/or will make a home visit. Absences for students not returning on the day following the initial head lice exclusion will be coded Elective.

Students becoming ill or injured at school should ask the staff in charge to send them to the school nurse or designee. Parents/guardians (or emergency contact individuals) of students who become seriously ill or injured during the school day will be notified. Emergency telephone numbers must be available and kept current. In the event of a serious accident or illness where the parent/guardian or other emergency contact individual(s) cannot be reached, an ambulance will be called and the student will be transported to the nearest hospital emergency room. When it seems advisable, the student will be accompanied by a staff member. Additional staff will continue to attempt to reach the student's parent/guardian. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are held responsible for any costs involved.