

Student Name: _____

Date of Discharge: _____

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Your child is being released today from school for displaying signs & symptoms listed in the box below. Due to current concerns for the coronavirus pandemic, anyone displaying symptoms, even mild will be required to go home and follow the guidelines. The Department of Health & Education's current COVID-19 Symptom Chart is noted below. Your child may return to school once he or she is cleared by a physician or healthcare provider for return, **or** if a COVID test is negative and he/she is fever free for 24 hours with improved respiratory symptoms, **or** after isolating for a minimum of **10 days after symptom onset AND 24 hours of being fever free without medication AND feeling well.**

Pennsylvania Department of Health COVID Symptom Chart: Our Guidance on Dismissal from School

Group A: 1 or more Symptoms	Group B: 2 or more Symptoms
Cough Shortness of Breath Difficulty Breathing New Olfactory disorder (loss or impaired ability to smell) New Taste Disorder	Fever Chills Rigors (shivering associated with a rise in temperature) Myalgia (muscle pains or muscle aches) Headache Sore throat Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or runny nose

Pennsylvania's Department of Health and the Ambridge Area School District require dismissal from school if your child:

- Has one or more symptoms in Group A, OR
- Has two or more symptoms in Group B, OR
- Has taken a fever reducing medication.

Out of an abundance of precaution and for the safety of all students and staff, when a student is sent home by the school nurse with presumptive COVID symptoms, siblings living in the same home, will be evaluated by the school nurse, **even if asymptomatic, the sibling will be sent home for 48 hours** or as directed by the Department of Health.

*The Department of Health & Education released new guidance on August 27, 2020 in regards to symptoms of COVID-19 and the movement of fever to Category B as a secondary symptom. This solely was for the identification and purpose of identifying COVID-19 Symptoms as listed in the box above. This does not take into consideration the Fever Protocol for all illnesses as per the Ambridge Area School District, which states a temperature above 100 is considered a fever and the student will be sent home and may not return to school until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

Earliest day student can return to school (without test or MD clearance) _____



Recommendations:

- Go home - STAY HOME
- Call your doctor for additional instructions
- Set up virtual visit ASAP
- Monitor symptoms.
- Report any positive results to the school nurse.
- Stay in touch with the school nurse with any updates.
- Obtain a Return to School Excuse Form
- Call the school nurse **before** you plan on sending your child back to school.

At home:

- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase airflow by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

If you are interested in a COVID test, call your child's doctor or go through Heritage Valley. An appointment can be scheduled through Heritage Valley Scheduling at 1-800-721-6237.

- **Heritage Valley Convenient Care – Beaver, 1 Peartree Way, Beaver, Pa
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7:30 am to 4:00 pm**
- **Heritage Valley Moon Township Medical Neighborhood, 935 Thorn Run Road, Moon Twp.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 am to 4:00 pm**

Access the website at <https://www.heritagevalley.org/pages/covid-19-testing>

Please review this information carefully. Contact the school nurse with any questions.

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