

## PARK RIDGE SCHOOLS

### POLICY FOR DAILY SCREENING OF COVID-19 SYMPTOMS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Health recommendations and CDC guidelines for K-12 schools, students and staff are to be screened daily for COVID-19 symptoms. Staff will complete a daily screening questionnaire prior to entering school. Students and staff will have a daily temperature screening prior to admission into school. Parents should assess children daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming to school. Many signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in children are similar to those of common viral respiratory infections or other childhood illnesses. This is even more likely in young children, who typically have multiple viral illnesses each year,

For school settings, the CDC recommends that students and staff with the following symptoms be promptly isolated from others and excluded from school if they exhibit:

At least **two** of the following symptoms:

- Shivers
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose

**OR** At least **one** of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills (over 100.4)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of smell
- New loss of taste

If students or staff have these symptoms, they should remain at home and contact the school for further instructions. Medical clearance by a health professional is required prior to returning to school.

If students develop these symptoms while at school, they will be evaluated by the School Nurse and isolated until they can be promptly picked up by a parent or guardian. Medical clearance is required before returning to school.