***A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE***

***WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER***

Saint Clair Area School District recognizes that information on COVID-19 is fluid. Research and best practices on the COVID-19 disease consistently emerges, which in turn changes practice*. To safely reopen schools all stakeholders must be a part of the mitigation efforts.*

**SOME KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU TO BE AWARE OF:**

● SYMPTOM MONITORING and temperature screening (see attached symptom monitoring tool) will be done by all parents/guardians at home each morning before the school day. No children with symptoms will be sent on a bus or brought to school.

● If your child requires medication during the school day you will need to make an appointment with your school nurse prior to the start of school to bring the medication in so that delivery time may be staggered.  There are some key [medication policy](https://bmsdorg-my.sharepoint.com/personal/elabel_bmsd_org/Documents/Desktop/BMSD%20TASK%20FORCE%20DOCUMENTS/BMSD%20INTERNAL%20DOCUMENTS/MEDICATION%20ADMINISTRATION.docx) requirements. Nebulizer treatments will not be administered in school this year, due to the risk of “aerolization.” If a student requires a nebulizer treatment, they will be sent home to receive that care.

● Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and are reminded to STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL. Students should NOT be sent to school to be evaluated by the school nurse, as this places the rest of the school community at risk of contamination. When in doubt, stay home and contact your primary care provider.

● Facial coverings are required in accordance with state guidelines

● Students with COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and required to return with a [note from their physician](https://bmsdorg-my.sharepoint.com/personal/elabel_bmsd_org/Documents/Desktop/BMSD%20TASK%20FORCE%20DOCUMENTS/BMSD%20INTERNAL%20DOCUMENTS/BMSD%20Exclusion%20form%20COVID.docx).

● [Exclusion from and return to school criteria](https://bmsdorg-my.sharepoint.com/personal/elabel_bmsd_org/Documents/Desktop/BMSD%20TASK%20FORCE%20DOCUMENTS/BMSD%20INTERNAL%20DOCUMENTS/Exclusion%20From%20and%20Return%20to%20School%20Requirements.docx) are based on current Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines.

● Scheduling of mandated health screens will follow social distancing considerations and permit for the cleaning of equipment surfaces between students. Parents will be given the option to opt out of mandated screenings if they are concerned about their student being in the health room.

● Students are encouraged to bring their own personal items such as Chap Stick and orthodontic wax. Due to the anticipated increase of symptoms in the school setting, routine visits to the nurse will be limited.