

## Welcome back from the Nurse Davidson

I want to pass on a few important updates as we are getting closer to having students back in the building.

1. As you know, your student will be expected to wear a mask while in school. Please plan to provide your own mask for your student each day. Masks are to be worn one day then laundered with your regular laundry. If, for some reason, you are unable to provide a mask for your child each day, please let me know. Also, in accordance with the CDC guidelines, gaiters or face shields without a mask will not be allowed.
2. If your student will need to take medication each day they are here or has an 'as needed' medication that stays at school (epi pens, inhalers, ect), you will need to bring those in BEFORE students return to the building. At this time, DMPS is not allowing parents to enter the school building without an appointment. Please call the office at 515-242-8442 or email me at [deeann.davidson@dmschools.org](mailto:deeann.davidson@dmschools.org) to set up a time to bring it in. I will also need you to sign a medication permission form so I can give the medication(s). I can email that to you, you can pick them up or I have also attached to link to fill it out online and submit. <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/3319cccadb794212b728ac0017ad46cc>
3. To decrease the spread of germs, the drinking fountains have been turned off. Please plan to send a clean, full bottle of water with your student each day.
4. To keep everyone safe and healthy, if your child has any symptoms of illness, they must stay home! Please call the office to notify us of your child's illness/absence and let us know what symptoms they have. It is VERY important that we monitor the illness in our building to keep students and staff safe. I may call you to discuss specifics of their illness to determine when they can return. Please be aware, there is a possibility that your child may need to stay home for as long as 10 – 14 days due to illness. Please have a plan in place if that were to happen. I will be working with Polk County Health Department to determine when students or staff need to isolate or quarantine. You will be notified on a need to know basis if your child has a need to do either. If your emergency contact information changes, please let the school know.
5. Here is a link to PCHD's information page for families with school aged children. <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health-department/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/school-covid-19-resources-k-12-childcare-and-universities/>
6. Please remember that all things COVID-19 change a lot. I will continue work to keep you posted as things change that affect what we do here at school and to keep the school as safe as possible.

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