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Dear Gateway College Prep Community:

We wanted to let all families know that we are following the school start plan for our district as posted on our home page (click [HERE to see 2020-2021 Orenda School Start Plan](#)). It is important to note that students are being screened for the following symptoms when they arrive on campus and throughout the day. If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms they should not be sent to school:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

Also, we wanted to let you know that if your child is experiencing these symptoms, but has not tested positive for Covid-19 we will follow these guidelines:

The individual may return to school when **all three** of the following criteria are met:

1. at least 24 hours have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); (**revised 8/4/20**)
2. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
3. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

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UIL guidelines updated on 8/10/20 include that if a student has been diagnosed with COVID must receive clearance from a physician prior to returning to participation in UIL activities. (revised 8/18/20)

Suspected COVID-19

In the case of an individual who has **symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19**, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19. The individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

If an individual has **symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay-at-home period**, the individual must either obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.

It is important to note that any communication, to any staff member, that we receive from a parent that the child is experiencing symptoms will result in either an administrator or nurse contact. You might be required to keep your child home for longer. You may be asked to fill out our Orenda Student Re-Entry Form (a fillable pdf form can be found on our website under "school nurse" in the Parent tab (click [HERE](#) to see nurse page).

Sincerely,



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Head of School

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