



Dear Parent or Guardian,

As schools form their reopening plans, we want to assure you that your child's health, safety, and wellbeing are our top priority, and that we are fully prepared to see your child in our school-based health centers (SBHCs). Ryan Health continues to be vigilant in our monitoring of the pandemic and has taken every precaution to keep your child and our staff safe through the adoption of comprehensive safety protocols and policies. A staff member will be checking students and staff for fever and screening for COVID-19 symptoms at the entrance of each of our SBHCs. As New York City will be following a blending learning model, we will also be offering telehealth appointments to students during their assigned remote learning days if medical or mental health care is needed when your child is off-site.

Consistent with CDC recommendations, all patients, visitors, and staff entering our SBHCs must wear a face mask or face covering. A face mask will be provided to anyone without one. Patients and visitors will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering our SBHCs, and staff will use hand sanitizer or wash their hands before and after every patient interaction. We will keep students socially distanced from each other, limit the number of students allowed in the SBHC at a time, and limit guests and visitors to only those medically necessary. Plexiglas protective screens will be installed at check in desks to protect students and staff, and more frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high touch areas has been scheduled. All medical equipment is sanitized between every student.

Outside of school, there are things you and your child can do to keep yourselves and the community safe. Whenever leaving the home, please ensure that you and your child are wearing masks to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. We recommend practicing wearing a mask with your children for extended periods of time. Wash your hands often, cough and sneeze into your elbow instead of your hands, avoid touching your face, and try to keep at least 6 feet away from others. If you are feeling unwell and have only mild to moderate symptoms, stay home. Additionally, ensure that your child is up to date with their annual physical exam and required immunizations before returning to school. School entry requirements can be found here: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/sh65-medical-immunization-requirements>.

For more information, Ryan Health recommends consulting the Centers for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>), the New York State Department of Health (<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>), the New York City Department of Health (<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page>), and the World Health Organization (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at school@ryanhealth.org, or give us a call at 212-678-2849 ext. 1050 once schools reopen. Thank you for the privilege to serve your children and your school community.

Sincerely,
Your Ryan Health SBHC Staff