**ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HEALTH SERVICES**

Due to the nature of communicable illnesses and during this time of COVID-19 Pandemic, in addition to symptoms of commonly occurring illnesses, any student presenting with the following symptoms will be sent to the school nurse for assessment. Parents will be contacted regarding student pick-up.

Symptom criteria from the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics states students who meet the screening criteria below should be sent home for further medical evaluation.

**TWO OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

* **Chills**
* **Muscle aches**
* **Headache**
* **Sore throat**
* **New decrease in smell or taste**

**OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

* **Fever of 100.4 or higher**
* **Uncontrolled cough**
* **Shortness of breath**
* **Vomiting and/or diarrhea**

**Your child must be evaluated by a healthcare provider and must present a clearance note to return to school. Contact your healthcare provider or the Department of Health regarding your child’s symptoms.**

Per CDC and AAP guidelines, if your child is not medically evaluated, he/she must remain at home for at least 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared AND 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medications AND improvement of symptoms.

If you decide to not have your child medically evaluated and choose to keep him/her home for the 10 day recommendation, you must send a written note stating such with your child upon their return to school.

**For any additional questions about your child’s care contact Department of Health, St. Johns at (904) 506-6081.**