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Dear ICSD Families,

As you know, we are getting daily guidance from local and state health authorities regarding COVID-19. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) are increasing vigilance on flu-like illness in an effort to prevent folks at risk of further sickness from being exposed or exposing others.

Please see our [updated FAQs](#) for full details, but here is one of the most important points:

**If your child is sick, keep your child home.**

If students are displaying flu-like symptoms at school, we are required to send them home. Additionally, those students will now be required to wear a surgical mask until they are sent home in accordance with the new procedures.

Please update all contact information with us in the event we need to send your child home. This is critical.

Please call your child's school nurse if you have questions about sending your child to school.

The Tompkins County Health Department has also shared a [letter](#) to schools.

Questions? Please reach out to us via email ([icsdcommunications@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:icsdcommunications@icsd.k12.ny.us)), phone (607-274-2101), or [Let's Talk!](#)

Thank you for your support, and for keeping your children home when they are sick.

Sincerely,  
Kari Burke