



## Health Screening



Our physician group strongly and unanimously recommended against temperature checking here at school out of a concern that it could cause a false sense of security because most young people are asymptomatic and the positive “yield” on temperature checks is very low. There was also concern that it could be self-defeating by causing crowding of students as temperatures were taken. Our panel emphasized that it is actually much more important to monitor students for the range of COVID-19 symptoms and to keep them home if they are symptomatic. Therefore, we will ask parents of

students grades 1-12 to take their children’s temperatures at home prior to coming to school. Since we will have a robust remote learning program, your children will not miss out on key instruction if you act cautiously in keeping them home if they are not feeling well. In accordance with DHS regulations, each student enrolled in the Early Childhood School will have his/her temperature taken daily prior to entering the school building. This is a DHS requirement that we must adhere to. If a student registers a temperature of 100.0 or higher, he/she must leave campus and will not be allowed to return until the student is fever-free for 48 hours without fever-reducing medication. All adults on campus and those required by the Arkansas Activities Association will be screened/temperature checked daily upon arrival. Screening questions include:

1. Have you had a fever of 100.0 or higher in the past 48 hours?
2. Do you have a recent onset of cough, difficulty breathing, or other COVID-19 symptoms?
3. Have you been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
4. Are you awaiting a COVID-19 test result or are you a close contact to someone who is awaiting a COVID-19 test result?