

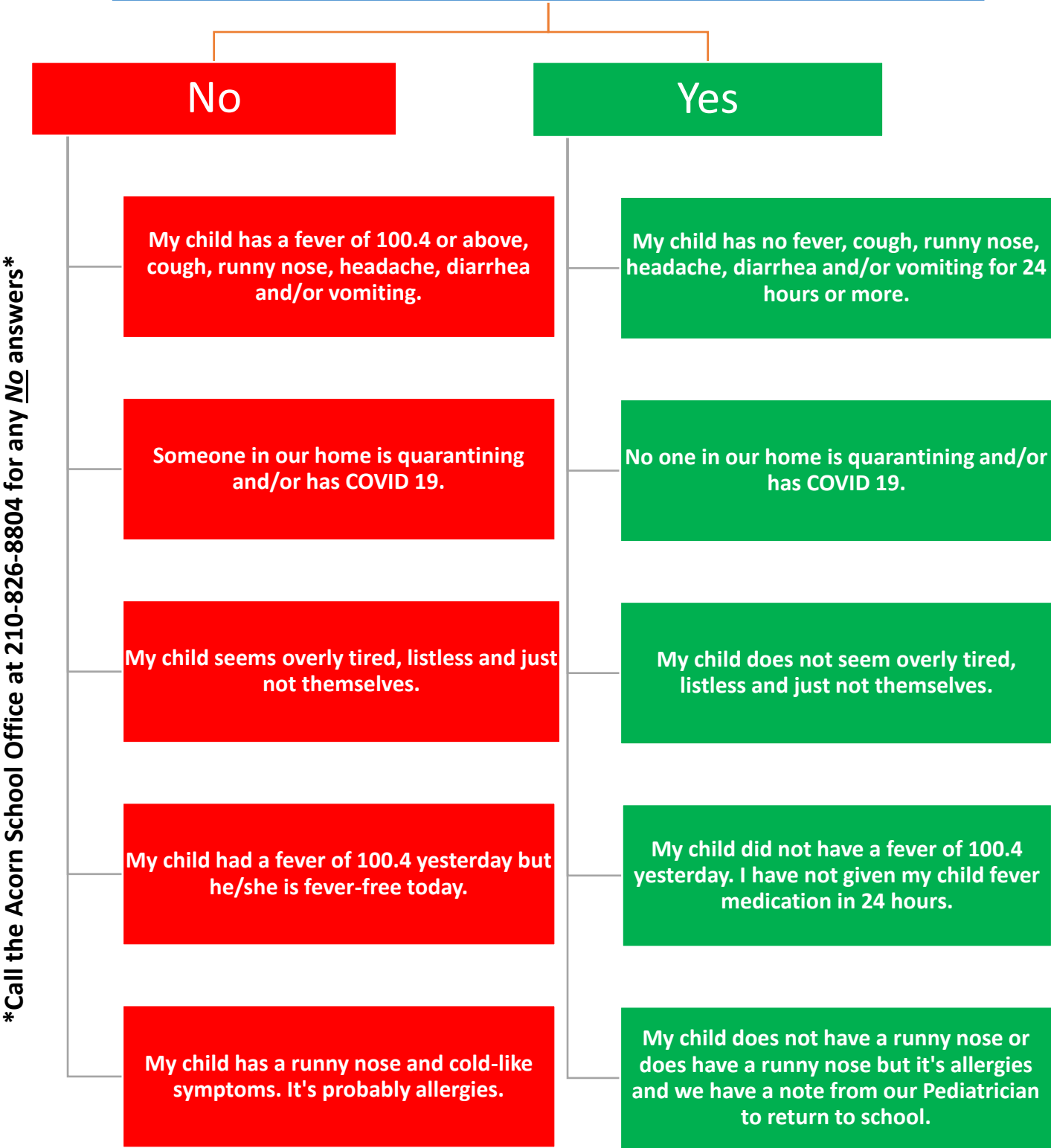
2021-2022 Covid-19/Other Health and Illness Policy

This is the Covid-19/Illness Policy from your parent handbook. Please keep it handy for reference throughout the year.

1. **Mask Policy:** Following CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Metro Health guidelines, we continue to STRONGLY recommend mask wearing for our students, particularly when they are inside the building. The health department has advised us that those who are unvaccinated against COVID-19 are at higher risk for quarantine and contracting the virus if they are not wearing a mask. We also know children will do better wearing masks when this is modeled for them by the adults in their lives. Therefore, even though the majority of our teachers and staff are vaccinated, we are requiring all of them to use masks to help support successful mask wearing for children. Should you choose to send your child to school without a mask, please be advised they have a greater chance of quarantining and missing school if we have a positive case in our community. We will evaluate our school community in December 2021 and again in the spring of 2022 and relax our policies when we feel it seems reasonable to do so. Additionally, while over 90% of our staff have received the Covid-19 vaccine, we will not share specifically who has or has not, so please do not ask. As of now, our student population is not eligible for a vaccine. When one is available, we will see what the recommendations are from the state and reevaluate our mask policy as more people take advantage of the vaccine.
2. In keeping with our illness policy, please DO NOT send your child to school if they exhibit any symptoms of cold, cough, fever (temp 100.4 or higher per CDC), runny nose, diarrhea, vomiting etc. While these symptoms of illness may not be COVID, colds and viruses are still contagious and we are trying to keep our school community healthy. Please keep your child home until they are symptom free for 24 hours and have a doctor's note as well as 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
3. If someone in your household is quarantining, your child should not attend school until cleared to do so.
4. During drop off and pick up, we ask that you remove your child from the car and wait while we take their temperature.
5. If your child develops symptoms (i.e., cough, runny nose) while at school and is not wearing a mask, we will offer them a disposable one. If you or your child do not want a mask, we will move the child to the office and request that you pick them up and remain home until your child is symptom free for 24 hours. If your child develops a fever at school, we will call for immediate pick up.
6. We have larger class sizes this year but have chosen to remain below full capacity. We plan to maintain the majority of our policies from last year. We will encourage outside time, open windows, and frequent hand washing. Lunch bunch and snack will occur outside, weather permitting, as much as possible. We will continue to limit parent access to the building and the playground. We know many parents have been vaccinated but we also know some have chosen not to be vaccinated. Therefore, all parents or visitors who are allowed to enter the building will need to wear masks and have their temperatures taken.
7. While we did have COVID cases within our school community last year, we were able to prevent spread amongst students and remain in school. We must continue to work together to protect our younger community until a vaccine is available to them.
8. If your child contracts something very contagious, like chicken pox or other childhood illness, the contagious period may be different. For example, chicken pox is most contagious 48 hours before your child breaks out. Therefore it is very important to notify the school, as well as notifying parents of children your child has recently played with so they can be on the lookout for symptoms.
9. Similarly, if your child contracts lice, please notify us as soon as possible so we can immediately remove all hats, helmets, and soft elements in the exposed areas and bag all children's clothing. Parents will be notified as necessary.
10. The Acorn will not dispense any medication at school. No medication should be sent to school with your child. Exceptions can be pre-arranged for emergency situations only; forms and legal requirements are available in the office.

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Should I Send My Child to School?



The Metro Health Department continues to recommend quarantine of 14 days in cases of exposure to COVID 19. Exposure is defined as more than 15 minutes, less than 6 feet away, unmasked with a person who tests positive for COVID 19. Even if your child does not exhibit symptoms, they should quarantine. No play dates, running errands with you, or coming to school. We also recommend having your child tested in case of exposure though testing is more accurate if conducted 5-8 days after exposure to COVID 19.