



AMADOR COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Temperature Check Protocol for Students and Staff

All students and staff entering a school or school bus are to be screened for illness including a temperature check and review of signs and symptoms of illness. Any student or staff with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, or signs or symptoms of illness shall return home. Students and staff must enter through required controlled entry and exit locations at each site. Sites shall set up controlled entry and exit screening locations and ensure staff and students understand and follow disease prevention precautions. Students and staff approaching the entry must be wearing a cloth face covering, unless exempted under CDPH criteria. Face coverings will be available for those who do not have their own.

Process for Daily Student Screening:

- The manufacturer's instructions need to be followed for use of each brand of infrared thermometer. The forehead is the most common area suggested for scanning.
- One area that has been studied/validated as an alternative to the forehead is the side of the neck (behind the ear).
- Unless the manufacturer's instructions explicitly allow for use on the wrist or anywhere else, that is not a recommended place to scan temperature.

For additional information, visit: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/general-hospital-devices-and-supplies/non-contact-infrared-thermometers>

- Temperature checks will be done before students leave vehicles when at all possible. If this is not possible, students will wait in a line with appropriate physical distancing. Visual cues will be used to indicate spacing. Signage with reminders about distancing, masks, hygiene, and stay at home rules will be posted.
- If possible, have the parent/guardian remain with the student while screening occurs, in case the student needs to be sent home.
- In addition to temperature checks, a process to ask students if they are experiencing any symptoms is needed. This may be a verbal question or pointing to a piece of paper that lists the symptoms (cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, severe headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, stuffy/runny nose, chills, sore throat, unusually lethargic).
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher, or who report any of the symptoms will be sent home. Details and supporting documents for this will be provided at the November 10, 2020 training for all office staff and administrators.