



Greetings North Henderson staff, parents and students!

As we begin what is likely the most unprecedented school year, we wanted to communicate with you directly that Blue Ridge Health will be continuing school-based health care. We have been hard at work modifying our procedures and protocols to ensure staff and student safety.

As you are aware, all students and staff will be screened for Covid19 symptoms, and temperature checks will be performed prior to entering the school. For any students or staff that screen positive or have an elevated temperature, Blue Ridge Health's school-based nurses/staff are happy to assist those individuals in scheduling a telehealth and/or 'curbside' provider visit for further evaluation and possible Covid19 testing. We will have some limited rapid covid19 tests for symptomatic individuals and are also able to perform send-out covid19, rapid strep, and rapid flu tests as well as other limited testing at our school health centers. Blue Ridge nurses have specific protocols to be able to conveniently provide these tests.

For students and staff that become sick during the school day, the school nurse will be notified for further evaluation. Students will be isolated and monitored in a designated space and parents notified for pick-up from school. At that time, if you would like a telehealth or on-site (if available) visit with one of our Blue Ridge Health providers, the student will be evaluated in the isolation space and provided medication and/or testing as indicated/ordered by the medical provider.

Blue Ridge School-Based Health Centers will continue to provide well visits, sports physicals, and non-acute follow-ups on-site. We ask that you call your school-based health center directly to schedule these visits at least 24hours in advance if possible. Sick visits will be performed via telehealth and 'curbside' visits or in the isolation area as above. We look forward to helping the school staff, students, and their families stay well and have a wonderful 2020-2021 school-year. Please contact your Blue Ridge Health nurse **Eva Kinnear @ 233-2270** or **Mandy Slagle @ 828-233-2280** to schedule appointments and for any questions or concerns. We thank you for your continued patience and flexibility!

Sincerely,

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