

## Student Temperature Screening

In order to support community awareness of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and to help identify children displaying symptoms, all schools located in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will commence temperature screening of students while the Stay at Home restrictions are in place.

Students at all schools in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will receive a temperature screen every morning before starting school while the stay at home restrictions are in place.

We will continue to implement multiple entry points where required, to reduce the number of adults congregating near school grounds. We will continue to implement physical distancing measures for staff and adults.

Temperature screening can be used during a pandemic to identify the presence of fever in an individual. Fever, whilst not present in all cases, is a common symptom of coronavirus (COVID-19).

We will use infrared thermometers supplied by The Department of Education, thermometers provided will include a user manual that details how to operate the device. All temperature screening will be conducted by a level 2 trained first aid officer. Written consent is not required as the process is non-intrusive, we will record the temperature of students who are deemed to have a fever or are unwell

The Department of Education recommended that temperature screening is conducted at school gates or entries to school buildings depending on schools' assessment and their site layout.

A single use facemask or cloth mask made to DHHS standards may be worn by staff members conducting temperature checks.

### Temperature thresholds and required actions

TEMPERATURE READING	REQUIRED ACTION
Less than 37.5°	Student advised to proceed to class.
Equal to or greater than 37.5° on first reading	The student should be asked to wait in a separate room / space and have their temperature re-checked in 15 minutes. If the student is wearing outerwear, the staff member should suggest the child remove this once they are indoors.
Equal to or greater than 37.5° on second reading	The student should return home with their parent/carer. If parent/carer is not present, the student will need to be isolated and the parent/carer contacted to collect them from school as soon as possible. Families should be encouraged to seek the advice of their healthcare professional who can advise on next steps and coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Staff or students who have a temperature equal to or above 37.5 ° will be isolated in an appropriate space with suitable supervision, they will then be retested after 15 minutes to ensure an accurate reading has occurred.

If temperature is confirmed to be equal to or above 37.5 ° students will need to be collected by a parent/carer as soon as possible to seek the advice of their healthcare professional who can advise on next steps and coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Urgent medical attention should be sought where indicated. It is not suitable for an unwell student to travel home unsupervised.

If a staff member or student is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19), they cannot return until advised by DHHS that it is safe for them to do so.