

## **Instructions for Completion of Weekly Febrile Illness Surveillance Report**

### **Fever:**

The Centers for Disease Control considers a person to have a fever when he or she has a measured temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or greater, or feels warm to the touch, or gives a history of feeling feverish.

Note: Even though measured temperature is the preferred and most accurate method to determine fever, some families may not have a thermometer. In certain situations, other methods of detecting a possible fever should be considered:

- self-reported history of feeling feverish when a thermometer is not available or the ill person has taken medication that would lower the measured temperature.
- the person feels warm to the touch
- appearance of a flushed face, glassy eyes, or chills if it is not feasible to touch the person or if the person does not report feeling feverish.

The presence of fever suggests an infectious cause, but fever is not always present with an infection.

### **Other symptoms:**

If a student or school employee has any of the following symptoms with a fever, please indicate on the reporting form:

- \*Chills
- \*Nasal congestion
- \*Runny nose
- \*Shortness of breath
- \*Difficulty Breathing
- \*Diarrhea
- \*Nausea/Vomiting
- \*Fatigue
- \*Headache
- \*Muscle or body aches
- \*New loss of taste or smell
- \*Rash
- \*Red eyes
- \*Cracked/swollen lips
- \*Red/swollen tongue
- \*Swelling hands/feet
- \*Stomach pain

Every Friday, use the Daily Illness Tracking Log to complete the information for the weekly report. Keep the tracking log for your information. If you can access employee information, please include it in your report as well.