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COVID procedures updates.

Re: Isolation Room

During Summer and Fall, when students exhibited Covid related symptoms (cold, cough, sniffles, headache, fever, etc.), we had them waiting outside the building until their parents/guardian came to pick them up.

Now that cold weather is upon us, we have an isolation room up and running to host those students indoor instead of outdoor. This small room is equipped with a cot and it is located across the hall from the health office. Following the state guidelines, the door of this room must remain closed when there is a symptomatic person in it. In order to monitor the students hosted in the room, we have purchased a two-way camera to allow our nurse to watch and communicate with the student. We understand how uncomfortable this could be for younger children, so we have decided that our nurse will stay inside the room with a young child until the parents pick him/her up. Older students will not need the presence of our nurse in the room and we will monitor them with the two-way camera.

As a reminder, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, the state guidelines are that you may not gather with anyone you don't live with. This prohibits having a friend over to play or overnight stay to cite a few.

Here is a link to the VT state guidance regarding traveling, and gathering, which should both be avoided unless for an **essential** reason (childcare, eldercare, groceries, medical care). <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

Thank you for your help with keeping our community safe.