



Our Children, Our School
Our Future

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Dear parents/guardians,

First and foremost, I hope you all are doing well and staying healthy.

As many of you may know, SARS-CoV 2 (the corona virus that causes COVID-19) has minimally affected children and they are less likely to become seriously ill with Covid-19 than adults. Within the past couple of weeks, there have been observations and reports in children with, what is being called, "Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome" or PMIS, in New York City and several other states. I want you to be aware that currently these cases are extremely rare and are being followed closely by the New Jersey Department of Health and pediatricians across the state and the country.

As most of you hear or know, some of these cases resemble a rare inflammatory illness called Kawasaki Disease. Kawasaki disease is a condition that causes a swelling of the walls of the blood vessels in the body.

The symptoms of Kawasaki Disease are:

- A high fever (over 101F) for at least 4 days
- Rash, redness to eyes, lips, and tongue
- Swelling and redness to hands and feet
- Neck swelling

The good news is that Kawasaki disease is usually treatable, and most children recover without serious problems.

At this time, it is recommended that you contact your healthcare provider if your child has persistent fever over 101F, abdominal pain, diarrhea, cough, shortness of breath, rash, or any of the above symptoms.

Parents should call the pediatrician if they are worried about Covid-19 or any other illness your child may be experiencing. Physicians are seeing patients via telemedicine and have established safe protocols to ensure safe visits at offices when needed.

As always, the health and safety of our children and families is our top priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or telephone.

Stay well and stay safe,

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