

Brownstown Central Community School Corporation

I would first like to introduce myself as your new Director of Student Health Services and High School Nurse. My name is Heather Hiten and I am a lifelong resident of Jackson County. I took over the position in July and what a transition year it has been already! Another year that Covid has made itself a part of unfortunately. Please know that I, as a parent, empathize with your frustrations and want “normal” again too.

This year has been similar and very different from last year all at the same time. We are still trying to limit the number of students coming and going from the health office daily to reduce potential exposure to all the viruses and bacteria floating around. Please have a conversation with your student about the situations that may or may not require a health office visit during school. We will try to accommodate your student the best way possible within the school setting. Students with asthma, diabetes and other chronic illnesses will continue to be managed out of the health office.

Due to masks not being required (unless our county is under a red advisory), contact tracing has been difficult for all involved this year. Please know that our corporation uses the CDC and Indiana Dept of Health guidelines as the framework for our policies regarding quarantining in all situations. We are also working closely with the Jackson County Health Dept for specific questions that may not be clear in the state guidelines. Being fully vaccinated and/or wearing a mask appropriately at all times is the only way to prevent your student from being contact traced while in school. Please remember that if your student has been quarantined as a close contact, they have the potential of having covid-19 without showing symptoms for 48 hours.

The health staff at all three schools are well versed in covid-19 guidelines and would be happy to answer any questions you may find throughout the school year. We also have the Covid-19 Hotline still in place for non-emergent questions or to report symptoms/positive/negative results.

Thank you for trusting us to partner with you and help manage your child’s health concerns at school.

Here’s to a healthy school year!

Heather Hiten, RN, BSN