

Draft Letter for Students Who Have Missed or Will Miss a Spinal Screening:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Due to challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, your child has not gotten a spinal screening. Spinal screening can detect abnormal spinal curvatures at an early stage. Early detection is important for controlling spinal deformities.

The Department of State Health Services encourages you to take your child(ren) to a medical provider for well-child exams. During these appointments ask for a spinal screening. If your provider screens your child, please provide us results (pass or fail) for our records.

Signs your child may have an abnormal spinal curvature:

- Uneven shoulders or hips
- Ribs that are prominent or stick out in one area
- Muscles that are prominent in the lower back or bulge on one side

If you think your child has an abnormal spinal curvature, contact your school nurse. Discuss your concerns with them.

Sincerely,