

Welcome to a new school year. The Cherry Hill Public School Elementary nurses would like to share some important information related to school health policies and procedures.

Communication

- Please complete the health record update located on the parent portal in Genesis. **It is imperative to have names and phone numbers of adults to contact in your absence if your child becomes sick or injured during school.**

Illness

Is my child too sick to go to school? To determine if your child should stay home, use these guidelines or contact your school nurse.

- Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more: Keep your child home for a minimum of 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal (98.6) without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Vomiting or Diarrhea: Keep your child home for a minimum of 24 hours after the last episode.
- Rash: If the cause is unknown, please check with your physician before sending your child to school.
- Based on your child's demeanor, ask “ Is my child available to learn?”

Medication

- All medication must be brought to the nurse’s office by an adult in the original prescription or manufacturer’s labeled bottle.
- Students are not permitted to carry medication. ****Students may not self-carry medications (*Epinephrine Auto Injector or Asthma inhalers may be permitted if age-appropriate and required documentation on file from the physician and parent)**
- All medication must be administered by the nurse.
- Medication permission forms must be completed by both the parent/guardian and physician for all prescription and over-the-counter medication to be administered during school hours (with the exception of Tylenol or Motrin which requires parent/guardian permission only).

Immunizations **Immunizations are required for remote, in-person, or hybrid learning****

- Please submit updated immunization records as your child receives new immunizations.
- The influenza vaccine is mandatory for Pre-K students (age 4 or less at the start of the school year.) One dose is required each year on or after August 1st.

Health Screenings

- Students may be screened for height, weight, vision, hearing, blood pressure and scoliosis. Referral notices for follow up with a physician will be sent home for any concerns. ***Contact your nurse in writing if you do not want your child screened.**

Orthopedic Injuries

- Students with casts, immobilizers, or crutches must be reported to the nurse prior to the student going to his/her classroom.
- A physician’s note must be brought to the nurse with the diagnosis.
- ***A note of clearance from the prescribing physician is required if a time frame is not included in the original excuse. This is necessary in order for your student to resume activities that were restricted by the prescribing physician.**

Please contact your building nurse if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s health. We look forward to a wonderful school year.

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