

HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

This letter is to help answer some of your questions regarding health office services within the School District.

Immunizations: Accurate, up to date, immunization records are not only necessary but a matter of NYS requirement for each child to attend school. Children must be in compliance with New York State immunization laws in order to attend school.

Physicals: New York State Education Department requires physicals if your child is newly enrolled into Pre-K or Kindergarten, entering 1st, 3rd and 5th grade or a newly enrolled student to the district. If a private physical examination was not done within the last year and provided to the school nurse then one will be provided by school medical provider. This is a brief but thorough screening exam. A referral form will be sent home for any health concerns.

Screenings: In accordance with New York State Education Department vision and hearing screenings are required on select grade levels. You will be notified of any abnormalities via mail. Please call the health office to discuss concerns you may have.

Please notify the health office if you find and treat for head lice at home, so that I can work with you in successfully clearing up this issue.

Absences: It is important for me to know what illnesses are going around in the community. If your child is going to be out of school for 2 or more days please give the health office a call to prevent me from having to call you on day 3. In addition, on return to school you must provide a written excuse within 5 days of coming back or your child's absence will be marked as unexcused/illegal.

Medications:

- **Under no circumstances are students to carry medications to and from school.**
- Over the counter medications such as cough drops, anti-itch cream, Neosporin, etc. cannot be given without a doctor's order.

Illnesses:

Fever: Your child should be without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school. (Fever= 100.4 degrees or more)

**Vomiting/
Diarrhea:** Students should be free of all symptoms for 24 hours AND resuming a normal diet and physical activity before returning to school. Please do not send your child to school if they have had any of these symptoms throughout the night.

Strep Throat: Your child must be on medication for at least 24 hours and fever free before they may return to school.

Pink eye: Your child should be on medication for at least 24 hours **and without symptoms before returning to school.**

As your school nurse I am here to assist you in health and safety matters regarding your child. Thank you for your cooperation in assisting me to keep our school as healthy as possible.