



HEALTH POLICY REVIEW – ORIENTATION 2021 - 2022

MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL:

Medications Defined:

- **Non-Emergency:** Over the counter (OTC) and Prescription
- **Emergency:** Asthma Inhaler, EPI Pen, Benadryl, Nebulizer, Glucagon

Non-Emergency Medications: Students are not permitted to carry or self-administer Non-Emergency Medication. These medications must be taken in the school clinic according to the following guidelines:

- Medication should be turned in to the clinic with a signed parent authorization.
- Medication should be brought in the originally labeled, in-date container.
- Medication will be given only as directed on the bottle.
- Medications given three or less times a day should be given at home.

Emergency Medications: Certain Emergency medications may be carried by the student with written physician authorization. See specific medication for age requirement to carry. All other emergency medications should be stored in the school clinic according to the above non-emergency medication guidelines. Parents are encouraged to leave an additional dose in the clinic for students who are authorized to carry emergency medication.

- **Asthma Inhalers:** students in third grade or older who can demonstrate proper use and storage
- **EPI Pens:** students in fifth grade or older who can demonstrate proper use and storage
- **Benadryl:** students in fifth grade or older who can demonstrate proper use and storage

ILLNESS POLICY:

- **Fever Policy – to be followed in conjunction with illness symptoms or diagnosis as listed below:** Oral temperature must remain below 100.0 for at least 24 hours without taking fever reducing medicine such as acetaminophen (Tylenol), or ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil).
- **Suspected or Diagnosed COVID-19:** Parents should contact the school clinic if a student 1.) develops symptoms of COVID-19, 2.) is diagnosed with a positive lab test, 3.) has close contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID – this includes household members who test positive. *Each re-admission will be reviewed and a safe return date assigned based on current CDC recommendations.*
- **Influenza:** Students who test positive for influenza may return under recommendations of physician. Symptoms should show marked improvement for 24 hours or more before returning to school. *Temperature must be normal for 24 hours.*
- **Viral Sore Throats, Colds:** *When COVID-19 has been ruled out and clearance is given by school staff. Child must be able to participate in all school activities and should not be tired or listless. Severe coughs must be under control. *Temperature must be normal for 24 hours.*
- **Diarrhea, Vomiting (two or more episodes):** Child to be symptom free for at least 24 hours and able to keep food down. *Temperature must be normal for 24 hours.*
- **Streptococcal Sore Throats/Scarlet Fever:** Child must be on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours. *Temperature must be normal for 24 hours.*

- **Infectious Rashes, Ringworm, Staphylococcus/Streptococcus (Impetigo), and Scabies:** Child must be under effective treatment (medication) for 24 hours. Exposed ringworm or open wounds must be covered while at school.
- **Eye Infections/Conjunctivitis/Pinkeye:** Child must be under prescription treatment for at least 24 hours. Eyes must not be draining.
- **Chickenpox, Shingles:** Notify the school clinic if you suspect your child has chickenpox or shingles.
- **Head Lice:** We maintain a “nit free” policy. Re-entry to class must be approved by school personnel.

Illness at School:

A student will be sent home if he/she has any of the above, untreated symptoms *and/or* at the discretion school personnel. Pick up should be within one hour of notification. A physician note to return to school may be required.

HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT AFFECT THE STUDENT AT SCHOOL:

- **Asthma:** Parents should complete an Asthma Interview Form and Asthma Action Plan annually. See medication guidelines for students who have been prescribed a fast-acting inhaler or nebulizer.
- **Food Allergies:** Parents should complete a Food Allergy Interview and Action Plan annually. See medication guidelines for students who have been prescribed an EPI pen.
- **Other Chronic Conditions:** Students who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness such as diabetes, epilepsy, or other condition, must complete specific informational forms regarding the illness.

*Information forms are sent via email during the summer. Please contact the school clinic for more information or to obtain new forms.

Changes in Student Health During the School Year:

Parents are responsible to notify the school clinic if a change in the student’s health occurs after the registration process has been completed.

COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS FOR 2021 – 2022:

COVID-19 continues to be a fluid situation. Guidelines and recommendations are subject to change based on community spread and the recommendations of the local health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Students at school who show signs and symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath will be isolated and the parent contacted. Physician note and/or negative PCR test may be required to return to school. Face coverings/masks are optional. Daily screenings will not take place at school. Parents should contact the school clinic prior to sending a symptomatic student to school. Contact tracing will be conducted when a positive individual is present on campus. For more detailed information, see our COVID-19 Information link on the TCA webpage or app.

When to keep a student home and contact the school clinic for review for COVID-19:

- **Student with symptoms of COVID-19 or positive lab test**
- **Student Exposure** – student identified as a close contact to a positive individual
- **Student or household family member is awaiting test results**
- **Positive case of household family member**

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