

Dear Parent or Guardian:

School Nurses are proud to be part of the team effort that supports student success in our county. As your school nurse works with you this year, we need your assistance and cooperation in preparing for the possibility that your student might need to take a medication, become ill, or have an injury during school hours.

STUDENT EMERGENCY/SAFETY INFORMATION

Please make corrections, sign and return your student's Emergency Safety Card. This information must be updated annually to enable us to contact you in case of an emergency. **If any information changes during the school year, contact the school immediately.**

●**The parent or legal guardian must complete and sign the *School Medication Authorization* for all medications given at school.**

●**A parent/legal guardian or other designated adult must bring all medication, accompanied by the *School Medication Authorization* or *Health Care Plan*, to the school clinic unless special permission given by the principal or school nurse.**

●**All over-the-counter, prescription, homeopathic and supplement medications must be in their original containers with unexpired dates and labeled in English.** Prescription medications must be clearly labeled with the physician's name, medication's name, strength, dosage, date, time for administration, and dispensing pharmacy.

●**If your student has a life-threatening condition (i.e. asthma, diabetes, or severe allergy), permission may be granted to carry the medication (such as inhaler, glucose tablet, epinephrine injector, or internal Insulin pump) on his or her person from the student's physician and parent/guardian.**

●**Saline eye drops, antibiotic ointment, lotion to control itching (i.e. Calamine lotion, Hydrocortisone Cream, Benadryl lotion), alcohol, peroxide, petroleum jelly (i.e. Vaseline), oral Benzocaine (i.e. Anbesol), topical wound dressing (i.e. QR or Styptic Pencil), un-medicated throat lozenges/cough drops, Tylenol, ibuprofen, peto, anti nausea, anti diarrhea, allergy pills and aloe vera gel are routinely used in the school clinic unless instructed differently by the parent/guardian.**

STUDENT ILLNESS/INJURY

The main reasons for keeping your student home from school are he/she is too sick to participate comfortably at school or might spread a contagious disease to other students. If your student has been **diagnosed with a contagious disease, please contact the clinic** so school staff may be alerted of the symptoms.

Reasons Your Child will be Sent Home from School

1. **Fever >100 degrees F or 37.8 degrees Celsius***

Student should stay home until there is NO FEVER for 24 hours WITHOUT MEDICATION. Call your doctor if the fever is with pain, rash, weakness, vomiting or diarrhea.
(*Based on CDC Recommendations)

2. **Vomiting or Diarrhea**

Student should stay home with ONE event of vomiting or watery diarrhea. Call your doctor if vomiting or diarrhea continues or with fever, rash, or weakness.

3. **Drainage from a wound, rash or eyes**

Student should stay home with drainage from a wound, rash, or eyes. Call your doctor for treatment.

4. **Head Lice or Scabies**

Student should stay home until after treatment is complete and no lice or nits. Contact the health department or your doctor for treatment. The student must be cleared by the Clinic to return to school.

5. **Unexplained Rash**

Student should stay home with an unexplained rash. Call your doctor for treatment.

Your student may not return to school until they have been fever-free and symptom-free for ONE FULL school day (i.e. If your child goes home sick at 11:00am on Monday, your child can not return to school until Wednesday morning.). When there is doubt in your mind about sending your student to school, consult your doctor. **Your school nurse or principal may ask for a “Release to Return to School” from your doctor before returning to school.** Please make sure that your student’s school knows how to reach you during the day.

IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATES

All students entering or attending Grades Pre-KG through 12th grade in the Haralson County School System are required to have a complete Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231) in accordance with Georgia Law, OCGA 20-2-771. All students must be immunized against disease as specified by the Georgia Department of Human Resources, or have medical or religious exemption on file at school. The State of Georgia has a law that parents/guardian that does not follow the State of Georgia Law, OCGA 20-2-771 may be subject to a \$100.00 fine and your child will be withdrawn from School.

HEALTH CARE PLANS

If your student has a severe allergy, asthma, diabetes, seizures or other chronic health condition which may require medication or special care during school hours, we recommend you and your healthcare provider complete and sign a *Health Care Plan*.

Working together, we can promote the health and well-being of your student and ensure they obtain the maximum educational benefit while at school. Please contact your School Nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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