

*Decatur County Comprehensive School Health Care  
Notes from the School Nurse*



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you information regarding the Health Office.

A health history and emergency contact form will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. Please fill this out completely and return it to school as soon as possible. Also please update us to any number changes as soon as possible. If you feel the need to further discuss this please contact the nurse at your school.

If your child needs prescription medication while at school, a doctor's order is required. Medication cannot be given unless the proper forms are in place. The first dose of any new medication cannot be given at school. Any potential side effects must be monitored at home. Over the counter medication should be provided by the parents and will be kept in the nurse's office.

All prescription medication must be in a dated, labeled pharmacy container. This includes Inhalers and Epi Pens. All medications must be brought to the school by a parent or guardian; students are not allowed to take medication home. *There is no exception.* The school nurse is available from 7:15 to 3:15 to receive the medication. Please call if other arrangements need to be made.

Fever over 100.3, COVID-19/Corona, flu like illness, vomiting and diarrhea are all reasons to stay home from school, and a doctor's note may be required to return to school and for the absence to be excused. Your child may return to school after 24 hours of no symptoms.

If your child is feeling ill during the school day they must be assessed by the nurse in order to be dismissed. Students are NOT to call or text parents that they are sick and need to go home. A nursing assessment must be given in order to excuse your child home for illness.

Please inform the nurse if your child will be out for an extended time due to illness, have frequent absences due to a chronic medical condition, has any surgical procedures or hospitalizations that may require accommodations to ensure your child's health needs and academic success.

Children attending public school are required to be properly vaccinated, or have a medical/religious exemptions, in order to attend the first day of school. Proof of vaccination must be on file in the Health Office at school. Students who are not in compliance with the immunization requirements will be excluded from school until the required vaccinations are obtained.

It is helpful to us as a school community to have good communication with families at all times. The more information we have, the more we can help your child be healthy and to succeed in school. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to advocate for your child's healthcare needs. I wish good health and a successful school year for your children!

Sincerely,

Tina Emmons, Rn  
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