

Health services helps start the year off right

Immunizations

For the health and safety of all children in the schools, immunizations must be current to begin the school year. Children who cannot be immunized for medical reasons or whose parents are opposed to immunizations need to provide proof of legal exemption. Use the Minnesota Department of Health immunization law chart to view immunizations that are required to begin the school year. Please contact your health care provider if you have questions about immunizations.

Health census form

Please complete an annual health census form indicating any life-threatening allergies or chronic health conditions.

Consent for administration of medication during the school day

A medication consent form called “Consent Form for Administration of Medication During the School Day,” must be completed and on file with Mankato Area Public Schools’ Health Services before a student takes any medications including inhalers, insulin or epinephrine auto-injectors at school. Medication consent forms are provided by health services, area medical clinics or online. A parent/guardian must provide and bring all medications in their original containers to the school.

When to stay home

Children should stay home if they have a fever of 100.4 degrees or more. They should remain at home until they are fever-free without the use of medications for 24 hours. If a child is vomiting or has diarrhea, he or she should remain at home 24 hours after the last episode. If a child has a rash or skin condition of unknown cause, it is important to check with a health care provider before sending him or her to school. If a child is ill, please call the school each day the child is absent and what the symptoms of illness are. Parents/guardians are expected to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day. Students who are sick should not attend school in-person.

For more information contact Mankato Area Public Schools’ Health Services: East High School at 507-207-3730, or West High School at 507-387-3488. Information is available at online.



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