

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) of the School Health Professional

What health-related material is needed for my son(s):

- 1) *Immunization records or the State-issued Waiver*
 - a) Required the first year of attendance at U of D Jesuit High School and Academy
- 2) *Completion of the online "Student Medical Intake Form"*
 - a) This online form is mandatory
- 3) *Prescription Medication Dispensing Form*
 - a) This form requires the signature of a student's health care provider.
 - b) Must be completed and returned for each/every prescription medication a student uses during the school day
 - c) Needed whether the medication is self-carry (i.e., inhaler, insulin, Epi-pen), administered (i.e., Focalin, Ritalin), or temporary (i.e., antibiotics)
- 4) *Over-the-Counter Medication Form*
 - a) Gives the SAO consent to administer basic over-the-counter medication
 - b) To grant permission, the consent form needs to be returned each academic year
- 5) *Student-Athletes are required to submit a signed physical as instructed by the Athletic Dept.*

Why is a "Student Medical Intake Form" required of all students?

During the academic day, the safety of your son(s) is our primary responsibility whether or not your son participates in athletics. The information provided on the health-appraisal form is an integral component of fulfilling that role. A significant number of student encounters occur in an academic year, from the minor to emergencies necessitating a trip to the hospital. Honest and forthright responses concerning medical conditions, allergies, and medications are integral to the care of your son while at school.

Should I let you know if my son has a change in health after his paperwork is submitted?

Yes. Please notify me if your son is diagnosed with a medical condition and/or is started on/has a change in prescribed medication. Situations change and the most up-to-date information is needed, especially in the case of an emergency.

My son has a chronic medical condition... How can you help?

In addition to caring for students during the school day, I am a liaison as it pertains to medical matters that may impact a student's performance while at U of D Jesuit. Faculty receive information concerning the impact specific medical conditions may have in the classroom and considerations that may be required. I also serve as a resource for faculty/staff if questions or concerns arise. There are also times I have helped a student/family with recommendations not previously considered.

My son was diagnosed with a concussion, how do I let school know?

If your son is diagnosed with a concussion, especially due to an activity outside of a school related athletic event, please notify me and provide any pertinent documentation. Faculty members are notified regarding students that have been diagnosed with a concussion. In addition, it is imperative that the student/parents communicate with his individual teachers. While faculty are provided information as to reintroducing a student to school after suffering a concussion, there is not one standard protocol. Each student's case is handled on an individual basis and consequently requires constant communication with teachers while he is symptomatic.

My son suffered an injury/had surgery and now needs accommodations:

Medical situations may arise that require a student to be given a temporary reprieve from certain policies in effect for U of D Jesuit students (i.e. Dress Code, Elevator Use). Documentation from an outside healthcare provider as to the required accommodation(s) and its duration must be submitted to the SAO. These needs will subsequently be communicated to his teachers/faculty.

What to do if my son is sick:

If your son is sick prior to the start of the school day, do not send him. This is best practice. Staying home gives him the opportunity to recover, in addition to mitigating the risk of infecting others. Do not forget to notify the SAO concerning his absence.

If your son becomes sick once at school, he should come to the Clinic rather than just contacting you. A basic assessment is performed. No student is prevented from talking to his parents if feeling ill, and there is no hesitation in letting a parent know when his/her student needs to be picked up.