

PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
HEALTH SERVICES INFORMATION

PSJA Health Services is here to help students learn by promoting health and safety.
Help us help you keep your child healthy!

IMMUNIZATIONS

Checking immunizations is one way we protect everyone's health, so **we must have proof of up-to-date immunizations for your child to be in school**. Any time your child receives an immunization, bring the shot card to school so his/her health record can be updated. You may also email the nurse a **clear** picture of the shot card that includes the student's name and date of birth. We will send you a courtesy notice if one of your child's immunizations comes due during the school year.

HEALTH NEEDS

Make sure to complete or review your child's health information during registration. If your child needs special health care during the school day, come speak to the school nurse so we can make sure your child gets the care he/she needs to succeed! Download doctor forms for special health conditions from Home Access Center or pick them up from the school nurse.

Health information can be shared between the student's health care provider(s) and school personnel as needed to provide care for the student at school. As per federal privacy guidelines (HIPPA/FERPA), this can include contacting the doctor about medications/treatments the student uses at school and health conditions that affect the student at school.

CONTAGIOUS CONDITIONS

To protect others from getting sick, do not send your child to school if they have:

- Fever of 100° F or greater
- Continued vomiting/diarrhea
- "Pink eye"
- Overdue immunizations

Children with these or any other suspected contagious condition will be sent home, and should not return to school until they have been **free of symptoms for at least 24 hours**.

SCREENINGS

During the school year, students in these grades will be checked for health problems in the following areas:

- height and weight: PK, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th
- vision, hearing, and dental: PK, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th
- spinal curvature: 6th and 9th
- risk for diabetes (Acanthosis): 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th

A referral notice will be sent home if any problems are found. Take this notice to your health care provider, and bring it back to us afterwards so we can continue to monitor your child's health.

EMERGENCIES

In an emergency, school personnel and health care providers will take any necessary action to help the student if you or your designee can't be reached. If the situation is serious, an ambulance may be called. **Make sure we always have your current phone number!**

The School District **does not pay** for illness and accidents that occur while the student is at school, or for emergency care and/or transportation of the student. An inexpensive student insurance policy can be purchased each school year that will pay for accidents; pick up the application from the school or download from Home Access Center.

STUDENT CLINICS

PSJA offers two clinics that provides medical services to PSJA students. And don't forget to find out if your children qualify for health insurance! Call 2-1-1, or go to www.chipmedicaid.org or www.healthcare.gov.

- School-Based Health Clinic (Nuestra Clínica del Valle), 300 E. Eldora Rd, San Juan, **781-6077**
- School-Based Health Center (Doctors Hospital Renaissance), 1229 S. Veterans Blvd, San Juan, **787-5454**