

Students

Accident/Illness

Emergency Care Procedure for Students Who Become Ill or Injured at School or at School-Sponsored Functions

1. Minor Injuries and Illnesses

- a. Send student to School Nurse for first aid. Students who are dizzy or nauseous are to be accompanied by another student or a faculty member when sent to the health office.
- b. If School Nurse is not available, first aid is to be administered by school personnel in charge of the health room at the time. No internal medication, including Tylenol, will be given.
- c. This person is to contact the parents and notify them of the injury or illness and suggest they contact their family physician if further care seems indicated.
- d. If unable to reach the parents, the school person in charge contacts the family physician.
- e. School personnel should arrange for transportation of the ill or injured student to the student's home or designated physician, if the parents are not able to furnish transportation.

2. Serious Injuries or Illness (loss of consciousness, suspected fracture, heavy blow to head, etc.)

If School Nurse is on premises, they should be summoned immediately to give initial attention to the victim. Then the School Nurse should see that parents and an ambulance are called.

If School Nurse is not available, first aid should be administered immediately as noted below, and then parents and an ambulance should be called. Contact parents and/or guardian and get directions as to which doctor and/or hospital should be used. Parents' directions should be followed.

If parents cannot be reached, or if the nature of the injury seems very serious, contact the School Nurse who is on call or the District Medical Advisor.

3. Accident Reports

The school staff member in charge of a student at the time of an accident (minor or serious) is to make out a report of the accident in triplicate.

In the case of minor accidents, one copy is for the School Nurse, one for the student, and one for the school administration office (or Athletic Director, in the instance of accidents involving athletics). In the case of serious injuries or illness, two copies are for the School Nurse, and one for the school administration office (or Athletic Director, in the instance of accidents involving athletics.)

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The reports should be brought to the attention of the School Nurse immediately. The School Nurse must be informed of all accidents on school grounds, both during school hours or at school functions after school hours.

In the event of an injury occurring in an unsupervised area, the School Nurse will make out the accident report.

4. School nurses shall follow specific procedures for recording and reporting indoor air quality complaints.

Illness

1. Signs of Illness

Any student having an elevated temperature of 100.4 or over, by mouth, or showing any evidence of illness, red throat, cough, nausea or vomiting, suspicious rash, etc., will be excluded from school. The decision of the District Medical Advisor is final in this matter.

2. Exclusion from School

Exclusion of students for communicable diseases as approved by the Directors of Health for Orange, Bethany, and Woodbridge, is as follows:

- Chicken Pox – 6 days after appearance of rash
- German Measles – 7 days after onset
- Measles – 5 days after appearance of rash
- Mumps – Until swelling has subsided but not less than one week
- Poliomyelitis – 14 days from onset
- Ringworm or scale – none if under proper treatment
- Streptococcal infections – ~~7 days~~ Fever free for 24 hours or if on antibiotics, wait 24 hours prior to returning to school
- Scarlet Fever (Scarletina) – 7 days
- Respiratory Infections (Strep, sore throat, etc.) – Fever free for 24 hours; masks recommended if actively
- Small Pox – Until all scabs and crust have disappeared; readmitted on certificate from Health Department
- Whooping Cough - 21 days after onset of typical "whoop"

3. Exclusion of Contacts

Adult: No exclusion except for food or milk handlers who must abide by requirements noted

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under children.

Children: 7 days or for 2 days after starting specific prophylactic treatment which must continue for 3 additional days so that a therapeutic blood level is maintained for 5 days (either oral or by injection).

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-203 Sanitation.

10-204 Vaccination.

10-204a Required immunizations.

10-204c Immunity from liability

10-205 Appointment of school medical advisors.

10-206 Health assessments.

10-206a Free health assessments.

10-207 Duties of medical advisers.

10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment.

10-208a Physical activity of student restricted; boards to honor notice.

10-209 Records not to be public.

10-210 Notice of disease to be given parent or guardian.

10-212 School nurses and nurse practitioners.

10-212a Administration of medicines by school personnel.

10-213 Dental hygienists.

10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screening: When required; notification of parents re defects; record of results. (As amended by PA 96-229 An Act Concerning Scoliosis Screening)

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10-214b Compliance report by local or regional board of education.