

## Notification of Parents

Most of the student visits to the health room each day do not require verbal notification of a parent or guardian. The nurse can not accept a parent's request to call anytime the child is seen in the health room. However, if a child requests to call a parent the nurse will honor that request. Each child that is seen by the nurse will leave the health room with a copy of their nurse referral slip to take home to their parent. The nurse referral slip will show the time the child was in the health room, what the complaint was and what actions the nurse took to address the concern.

There are times when it is necessary to verbally notify a parent or guardian about a situation. For this reason, please make sure the nurse has up to date phone numbers. A parent or guardian should be verbally notified in the following instances:

1. Symptoms that require the student to be excluded from school per the SCDHEC School Exclusion List or Childcare Exclusion List. Links to these lists can be found on the District 5 website or you may contact your school nurse.
2. Vomiting if the nurse suspects a contagious illness.
3. Vomiting and/or diarrhea that are related to a known medical condition but the symptoms are making it difficult for student to remain in school.
4. Significant head injury as evidenced by any of the following symptoms: significant bruising and/or swelling observed by the nurse, loss of consciousness or excessive drowsiness, unequal or dilated pupils, double vision, nausea and/or vomiting, severe headache, seizures, dizziness, unsteady gait, loss of coordination, paresthesia (numbness, tingling), behavioral changes.
5. Significant eye injuries as evidenced by any of the following: excessive redness, visual disturbances, moderate pain.
6. Significant back or neck injury resulting in impaired mobility or symptoms in the extremities.
7. Insect stings or bites with significant reactions.
8. Wounds that the nurse recommends receive further medical evaluation.
9. Suspected sprain or fracture.
10. Animal bites that occur at school.
11. Any situation in which the nurse determines the well being of the student is threatened.

If the parent or guardian is unavailable, it will be the nurse's and/or administrator's responsibility to determine appropriate transportation and need for further medical evaluation.