



Hello North Andover Families

The 2023-2024 school year is well underway and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued partnership in helping us keep our school communities healthy and safe.

When to Keep Your Child Home

- **A temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher** Students should **not** return to school until their temperature is normal for 24 hours without fever reducing medications (Tylenol, Motrin etc.)
- **Positive Covid 19 Test**
[MA Covid-19 Isolation & Exposure Guidance](#)
- **Vomiting or diarrhea.** Students should not return to school for **24 hours** after the last episode
- **Infections such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, ringworm, or impetigo,** until they have been on prescribed treatment medication for 24 hours
- **An undiagnosed rash**

If your child has been sick and is still requiring frequent over the counter medications for cough, fever, or other symptoms, they are not well enough to return to school. Please be sure to keep them home until they are able to make it through the day **without medication.**

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics

Respiratory viruses that cause respiratory illnesses usually circulate more heavily in the fall and winter months. Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against flu and Covid 19.

The Town of North Andover has two upcoming Covid 19 Clinics at the North Andover Senior Center.

November 14, 2023 2 pm - 6 pm ages 3+

November 16, 2023 9 am - 12 pm ages 12+

Link to [Covid 19 Vaccine Clinics](#)

Flu Vaccines are available by appointment. Please call the NA Public Health Nurse, Carolyn Lam, at (978) 688-9540 to schedule an appointment.

Annual Health Screenings

Annual Vision, Hearing, and Scoliosis Screenings are currently underway at all of our schools. If your student receives a referral from their school nurse, please schedule an appointment to have them evaluated by a physician as soon as possible.

- **Vision Screening Grades K-5, 7, & 10**
- **Hearing Screening Grades K-3, 7, & 10**
- **Scoliosis Screening Grades 5-9**

Children who cannot see or hear properly may have difficulty learning so it is essential that we address these important health issues in a timely manner.

Important Information for NAMS Parents/Guardians

An email was sent on October 31st requesting that parents/guardians fill out new online Health Forms for their students. This request was made because the forms at NAMS have changed. It is essential that the NAMS nurses have the most current medical history information and consents for over the counter medication in order to care for your child at school.

To complete the forms:

1. Go to naps.powerschool.com
2. Login to PowerSchool using a guardian login account. Student logins will not work.
3. On the left choose Forms
4. Complete 1-Medical Authorizations & 2-Health Information

Please complete these forms before **Friday, November 17th.**

Head Lice Information

Head lice are nothing but a nuisance and unless one develops a skin infection from itching too much, not a health concern or threat. Lice are nothing to panic about and are not a sign of unclean people or homes. School is rarely a source of transmission for lice. Much more common sources are families and sleepovers. Please click the link below for more information.

[Facts of "Lice"](#)