

## Note from the Nurse's Office

Welcome to Clint ISD. Our mission is to prepare all students to be successful citizens. Illnesses, injuries, and vision or hearing problems can inhibit a child's ability to learn. The nurse's role, with your assistance, is to bridge healthcare and education to allow your child to develop their full potential.

We ask for your cooperation with the following:

- 1. Please do not send your child to school if he or she is exhibiting any of the following:
  - Fever (temperature greater than 100 degrees): may return to school when they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (e.g. Tylenol, Motrin)
  - Vomiting: may return to school approximately 24 hours after symptoms resolve, and is able to tolerate a normal diet.
  - Diarrhea: may return to school approximately 24 hours after symptoms resolve, and is able to tolerate a normal diet.
  - Undiagnosed skin rash: A rash may be indicative of many things, frequently of illnesses that are contagious. Therefore, a student will be excluded from school until a physician evaluates and determines the nature and contagiousness of the rash. A note is required from the physician upon return to school.
  - Cough and/or sore throat: should be evaluated by a healthcare provider for respiratory illness.
  - Diagnosed with a communicable disease (e.g. flu, COVID-19, strep throat, pink eye, chickenpox, etc.): contact your school nurse for eligibility of remote conference learning.

To avoid exposure to other students and/or staff, do not bring your child to school to be evaluated by the nurse if they have any of the symptoms listed above. If you are unsure if your child may or may not remain at school, please feel free to call the nurse's office before class starts and a recommendation will be given at that time. Students may be referred by the nurse to the Project Vida School Based Telehealth Clinic. For more information on Project Vida and enrollment, see the Clint ISD website.

- 2. Every school year, you will be asked to complete the Emergency Medical Form. If the nurse is unable to get ahold of you, this form will list who you designate as emergency contacts that have your authorization to pick up your child, in case of illness or in the event of a medical emergency. Please notify the nurse of any changes in phone numbers or other changes with regards to this form.
- 3. The school district has a very strict policy on medication administration. This is for the protection of all the students in our district. The nurse's office, with your cooperation, must adhere to the following:
  - If medication is to be given during school hours, a Medication Administration Permit must be completed by a U.S. licensed physician and signed by you, the parent/guardian. You may pick up a Medication Administration Permit at the nurse's office or download the form from the nurse's website.

- All medication, which includes over-the-counter medication, must be in the original, labeled pharmacy container.
- Siblings cannot share the same medication; they will each require a separate Medication Permit and labeled medication.
- Medications from Mexico will not be given under any circumstances.
- Students are not allowed to carry medications at any time. Please drop off medication and completed Medication Permit to the nurse's office in the morning. In some instances, older students with asthma or diabetes may carry their medication; however, the Medication Permit must be completed and turned in to the nurse's office.
- 4. <u>Elementary School:</u> Please send a change of clothes in your child's backpack. Students that have a restroom accident, wet or soil their clothes, and have not been provided a change of clothes, will not be sent home on the bus. A parent or authorized person will need to bring a change of clothes and/or take the student home.
- 5. If your child is missing vaccines, you will receive a notification from the school nurse. Required immunizations must be received within the specified date on the letter in order for the student to remain enrolled in school. If your child receives any required immunizations, please present the updated immunization card to the nurse's office.
- 6. If your child is seen at the nurse's office, you may or may not receive a call based on the nurse's assessment and the situation. If you would like to receive a call each time your child visits the nurse's office, please call the nurse directly and notify him or her of your request.
- 7. Finally, please inform the nurse of any medical changes or concerns that your child may have or is experiencing, so that the appropriate accommodations are made if needed.

Please feel free to call the campus nurse for any questions or concerns regarding your child's health. We look forward to being a part of your students' success!