

LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The School Nurses work to ensure the health and well-being of students by developing, implementing and delivering health services and programs. As the nurse works with you this year, we need your assistance and cooperation in preparing for the possibility that your child might need to take medication, need assistance with a medical condition or procedure, become ill, or have an accident during school hours. We hope this letter will explain our procedures.

STUDENT EMERGENCY / HEALTH INFORMATION

Please complete, sign and return your child's **Student Health Information Card** as soon as possible. This information must be updated annually to enable us to contact you in case of an emergency. Basic first aid is provided by the school nurse or designated staff. In case of serious illness/injury, Emergency Medical Services (911) will be called for immediate transport to the nearest hospital.

IN THE EVENT THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO REACH YOU DUE TO ILLNESS / INJURY

If you are contacted to pick up your student due to illness/injury you or your designee will be expected to arrive within 60 minutes. *Consider saving the health clinic's phone number in your Contacts list so you see us on caller ID.* Update and verify telephone numbers and email addresses in Parent Portal. List all adults (18 and older) able to pick up your student and designate Emergency Priority options in Parent Portal. Consider having a responsible adult/friend/neighbor listed in Parent Portal on standby in the event you are unable to get to the school to pick up your ill child in a timely manner. Photo ID is required to pick up any student.

SCHOOL MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

If your student will need medication during the school day (prescription or over-the-counter), please contact your school nurse. All medications must be provided by parents/guardians. The Lee County School District does not supply medications for students. The Lee County Schools *Medication Policy* will be followed for all medications given during school hours or school activities. The complete policy, as well as all district approved forms, can be found on our website <https://www.lee.k12.ga.us/departments/student-health> and in Lee County Schools *Code of Student Conduct*.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS

If your child has a severe allergy, asthma, diabetes, seizures or other chronic health condition which may require nursing services, **we require you and your child's healthcare provider to complete and sign a specific plan of care** to assist us in caring for your child during the school day. All forms are available on the website <https://www.lee.k12.ga.us/departments/student-health> or from your School Nurse.

STUDENT ILLNESS / INJURY

When should your child be excused to stay home due to illness/injury? If he/she is too sick to participate comfortably at school OR might spread a potentially contagious disease to other students. **Students should stay home from school if they are experiencing the following:**

- Fever greater than or equal to 100.4°F (must be fever-free 24 hours **without fever-reducing medication** before returning to school)
- Vomiting more than once
- Diarrhea
- Frequent cough that impairs your child's ability to participate in class
- Persistent pain (ear, stomach, etc.)
- Widespread rash
- Chicken pox, until lesions have scabbed (usually 5-7 days)
- Impetigo, Ringworm, or Scabies until under treatment and lesions should be covered at school
- Bacterial Conjunctivitis (pinkeye, thick eye drainage and redness of the whites of the eyes) until under treatment

REQUIRED HEALTH DOCUMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE IN GEORGIA SCHOOLS

<https://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/AskDOE/Pages/New-Student-Requirements.aspx>

Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions or concerns. Working together, we can promote the health and well-being of your child and ensure they obtain the maximum educational benefit while at school.

Thank you,
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