Welcome to a new school year. The Cherry Hill Public School Preschool nurses would like to share some important information related to school health policies and procedures.

Communication
- Please complete the health record update located on the parent portal in Genesis. **It is imperative to have names and phone numbers of adults to contact in your absence if your child becomes sick or injured during school.**

Illness
Is my child too sick to go to school? To determine if your child should stay home, use these guidelines or contact your school nurse.
- Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more: Keep your child home for a **minimum** of 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal (98.6) without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Vomiting or Diarrhea: Keep your child home for a minimum of 24 hours after the last episode.
- Rash: If the cause is unknown, please check with your physician before sending your child to school.
- Based on your child's demeanor, ask yourself " Is my child available to learn/play/participate in school activities?" If the answer is "no" consider keeping them home as they may be getting sick.

Medication
- All medication, including prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications require a written physician's order and must be brought to the nurse's office by an adult in the original prescription or manufacturer's labeled bottle.
- Students *are not* permitted to carry medication. ****Students may not self-carry medications.**
- All medication, which includes prescription and OTC medicines, *must* be administered by the nurse.
- **Medication permission forms must be completed by both the parent/guardian and physician for all prescription and over-the-counter medication to be administered during school hours (with the exception of acetaminophen or ibuprofen which requires parent/guardian permission only. The permission form must be completed through the parent portal in Genesis).**

Immunizations
- Please submit entrance and updated immunization records as your child receives new immunizations. Students who are missing required immunizations may be excluded from school.
- **The influenza vaccine is Mandatory for Pre-K students (age 4 or less at the start of the school year.) One dose is required each year on or after August 1st.**

Health Screenings
- Students may be screened for height, weight, vision, hearing, blood pressure and dental. Referral notices for follow up with a physician will be sent home for any concerns. ***Contact your nurse in writing if you do not want your child screened. If you decline school screenings, please provide written documentation from your child's healthcare provider regarding results for the yearly screenings.**

Orthopedic Injuries
- Students with casts, immobilizers, boots, or crutches must be reported to the nurse prior to the student going to his/her classroom.
- A physician's note must be brought to the nurse with the diagnosis, restrictions and approved activities
- A note of clearance from the examining healthcare provider must be provided once injury has healed.

*Please be advised that in accordance with NJDOH guidelines your child must be fever free for 24 hours not on any fever reducing medications, and free of vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to a wonderful school year.

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