

School Nurse Family Communication Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to ensure timely and consistent communication between school health offices and parents/guardians when students are assessed or treated by the school nurse.

Call Home – Parents/guardians will be called immediately in these circumstances:

Illness

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Persistent or severe pain (headache, stomachache, ear pain, chest pain)
- Difficulty breathing, wheezing, or shortness of breath

Injury

- Any head injury
- Suspected fracture, sprain, dislocation or significant swelling
- Lacerations requiring possible stitches
- Any injury that may require medical evaluation or modified activity

Contagious Condition

- Suspected strep throat, flu, or other communicable illness
- Evidence of head lice or nits

Chronic Health Condition

- Asthma symptoms not relieved by prescribed treatment
- Diabetics with call home orders
- Seizure activity

Medication Issues

- Missed doses of required school-time medication
- Adverse reactions to medications
- Low, expired, or empty medication supply that needs replacement

No Call Home – The following circumstances typically do not require a call home:

- Minor scrapes, small bruises, or simple first aid
- Mild, short duration headache relieved by rest, hydration or quiet time

All health office visits, assessments, interventions, and calls home will be documented by the school nurse in Infinite Campus.