



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

Communication:

- Please complete the health record update located on the parent portal in Genesis. **It is imperative to have the 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°F or more: ***Please be advised that, in accordance with NJDOH guidelines, your child must be fever-free for 24 hours without taking any fever-reducing medications.**
- Vomiting or Diarrhea: Keep your child home for a minimum of 24 hours after the last episode. They must be **free of vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.**
- 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:

- Please bring all medications—prescription or over-the-counter—in the original labeled bottle to the nurse’s office (Malberg and Kilmer). For private provider locations, parents must follow the private provider's directions for delivering the EpiPens or Asthma Inhalers. The medication orders and Action Plans for Asthma and Allergies (requiring an EpiPen) must be on file at both the Provider Site and with the Provider Site Nurses.
- Students may not carry or self-administer any medication at school.
- All medications are administered by the school nurse.
- To authorize medication at school, complete the Medication Permission Form in Genesis. Prescription and OTC meds need both parent/guardian and physician approval.

Physicals:

- A physical is required prior to entrance into preschool and should be updated each school year. Students will not be permitted to enter preschool without a current physical that should include height, weight, blood pressure, vision, hearing, and a list of any medical conditions (i.e., allergies or asthma) or any issues or concerns.

Immunizations:

- Please submit entrance and updated immunization records to your school nurse (this includes students who attend the private provider locations) as your child receives new immunizations. Students who are missing required immunizations may be excluded from school.
- **The State of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has mandated that all preschool students under the age of 5 receive a flu vaccine between September 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026. Please schedule your appointment with your doctor early to avoid exclusion from school. ** Submit your request for a medical or religious exemption to your school nurse. Medical exemptions require a note from your child’s physician indicating the reason for the exemption and must be renewed each school year.**

Health Screenings:

- **As required by State of New Jersey 6A: 16-2.2(K) 1-5, Required Health Services:**
The following screenings will take place during the school year: height and weight, vision, hearing, and dental. For a result outside of the normal range, a referral form will be mailed home to the parent/guardian by one of the nurses.

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 the injury has healed.

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

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