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### **EMERGENCY HEALTH CARDS:**

The Emergency Health Card is required annually to allow the nursing staff to provide adequate care for your child. Upon enrollment and at the beginning of each school year, each student is given a white Emergency Health Card for parent/guardian completion. This card is used to document your child's health concerns along with emergency contact numbers in the event your child is sick or injured during the school day. This card is kept in the clinic in a confidential locked file for use by the clinic staff. Please notify the clinic staff of any changes in your child's health, medication, and emergency contact numbers.

### **MEDICATIONS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND ON FIELD TRIPS:**

Please refer to the School District guidelines in your child's school agenda regarding medications at school or on school sponsored trips. **Keep in mind that students are only allowed to carry certain medications on school grounds or school sponsored trips.** These medications include asthma inhalers, dietary enzymes, Epinephrine auto-injectors, insulin, and

diabetic supplies. Most medications **CANNOT** be carried at school by students (Including over the counter pain relievers such as Advil and Tylenol).

- The approved Medication Authorization form must be signed by both the parent and the prescribing physician.
- Medication must be brought in to the clinic by a parent or guardian for the nurse to evaluate. All medications must be brought in the original containers and be prescribed within the school year.
- Over the counter medications must arrive in a new sealed container.
- All medications must be administered by the school clinic or trained field trip coordinator.
- Only certain life-saving medications can be carried by the student (with a signed physician's order and a signed self-carry contract).

### **ILLNESS AND INJURY AT SCHOOL:**

In the event your child becomes injured or ill at school, every effort is made to contact the parent/guardian by phone. Phone numbers used will be those on file from the Emergency Health Card submitted at the beginning of the school year. It is imperative that you update all emergency numbers as necessary with the clinic staff.

**Students MUST be seen in the clinic before going home ill. Students are NOT allowed to text or call parents if they are ill. The nursing staff needs to keep track of illnesses and injuries that occur during the school day.**

Please keep in mind that in the event of a true emergency, 911 may be called for your child to be evaluated and possibly transferred to the nearest hospital. If you have a hospital preference, please indicate this on the Emergency Health Card.

Students who are injured or ill during the day should be picked up within **30 minutes**. Please arrange back up plans for picking up your child well in advance with family members/friends so that they are on your emergency contact list and available to pick up your child if you are unable to do so.

### **24 HOUR RULE:**

Additionally, when your child has a fever ( $T > 100.0$ ), he/she must remain out of school for 24 hours until fever free (without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Advil/Tylenol). The same rule applies for vomiting. Pink eye (conjunctivitis) must also be excluded from school for

24 hours after starting eye drops. Strep throat must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school. Please contact the school nurse if you have any further questions regarding this protocol.

**MEDICAL TREATMENTS:**

A Physician’s order is required for all medical treatments and/or procedures and parents must provide all medical equipment and supplies used by students during the school day

**STATE OF FLORIDA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS:**

All students must have on file the Florida Immunization Certificate (DH 680) as required by the state of Florida. Students must be up to date with all childhood immunizations within the timeframes specified by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Florida DOH immunization requirements include:

DTP/Dtap	5 doses
Tdap	1 dose ( <b><u>mandatory for entrance into 7<sup>th</sup> grade</u></b> )
OPV	4 doses
MMR	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Varicella	2 doses

**\*\*\*\*\*Failure to comply with result in your child being excluded from school\*\*\*\*\***

**IMPORTANT FORMS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT:**

**Emergency Health Card (English)**

<https://manateecountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/SDMCNurses/Shared%20Documents/Student%20Documentation/Annual%20Health%20Card%20English.pdf>

**Emergency Health Card (Spanish)**

<https://manateecountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/SDMCNurses/Shared%20Documents/Student%20Documentation/Annual%20Health%20Card%20Spanish.pdf>

**Medication Authorization Form:**

<https://manateecountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/SDMCNurses/Shared%20Documents/DR%20Order%20Forms/Med%20Authorizaton%20Form.pdf>