

J.F. Tatem Elementary Health Office

Emergency Information

It is very important that you review and correct all emergency information which is in Genesis (Haddonfield's electronic computer program of student information). We need to be able to contact parents or other responsible adults that you designate in case of illness, injury, or any other emergency.

Health Screenings

There are several health screenings that are done over the year. These include growth for all students, hearing screening for all preschool students through third grade, dental screening for all preschool students, vision screening for all preschool through fourth grade students, blood pressure for students in kindergarten through 5th grades and for students over the age of ten, scoliosis screening biannually. If you do not want these screenings completed, please send in a note in writing at the **beginning** of the year. Please have the screenings completed by your child's own healthcare provider and send the results of those screenings to me, so I can keep your child's school medical record current.

Medication/s

The administration of medication in school is strictly regulated. Any medication, including over-the-counter medication such as Tylenol, must have a healthcare provider's written order and written parent permission. The medication must be brought to the school nurse by the parent in the original container (often, a pharmacy will give you two bottles, one for home and one for school). Our school doctor has written an order for cough drops and throat lozenges, so I can give out one for cough or sore throat. If you do not want your child to receive this, please send in a written note to the J.F. Tatem health office. Children are not permitted to keep cough drops or any other medication in the classroom.

Physical Examinations

Reports of physical examinations and health histories are required for children entering the school for the first time, and for fourth graders. Physical examinations are no longer done at school; if you do not have a healthcare provider, we can

arrange for you to take your child to Dr. Jennifer Naticchia's office (our school physician) for the examination.

Guidelines for School Attendance

It can often be difficult to decide whether to keep your child home if he or she is complaining of not feeling well. Here are some general guidelines for keeping your child home:

- Fever above 100 degrees Fahrenheit (must be fever-free for 72 hours before returning, without the use of medication)
- Vomiting or diarrhea (may return 72 hours after the last episode)
- Eye(s) stuck closed with dried crusts or appears red and/or has drainage (must have doctor's note stating that the child is not contagious to return)
- Excessive nasal drainage or persistent cough, which the student can not contain.
- Unusual rash, especially an extensive rash or one with blisters (check with your doctor for cause and when able to return)
- Listlessness and lethargy without cause (i.e., child has had a full night's sleep)
- Less than 24 hours on an antibiotic for treatment of strep throat or other contagious illness, other than COVID-19.
- [**Respiratory Virus Guidance for K-12 Schools**](#)

Health services help to support your child's educational experience. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 856-429-0902 ext. 5104 or kscarpitti@haddonfield.k12.nj.us.