



A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSES

Dear Parents/Guardians, August, 2023

The Brookfield School Nurses would like to welcome you back to school! We hope you had a fun filled and healthy summer.

Please take the time to read this important update from the Health Offices.

- **SCREENINGS:** The State of Connecticut mandates that vision, hearing and postural screenings are conducted annually in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Sec. 10-214 and 10-206. If a screening was done during a physical exam by the student's primary care provider, then that information will be used to fulfill the required screening for the year. Screening requirements at certain grades can be found [here](#).
 - If you DO NOT want your child to have the required screening done at school, please contact your school nurse in writing indicating such.
- **MEDICATION:**
 1. Arrange a day and time with your school nurse to drop off medication(s).
 2. Each medication requires a separate written order from the physician. The [order form](#) must be signed by the prescriber and the parent/guardian.
 3. An ADULT must drop off medication(s) in its original box
 4. The bus company will be made aware if your student will be self carrying epinephrine and/or inhaler.
 5. The bus company will be made aware of any life threatening allergies, seizures, diabetes and any other severe health conditions.
- **IMMUNIZATIONS:** We encourage you to keep up with any [mandated immunizations](#) required for school attendance and provide a copy of your child's updated vaccination record to your school nurse.
 - If your child has received the COVID-19 vaccine, please provide a copy of their vaccination card to the school nurse.
- **HEALTH PHYSICALS:** Connecticut requires health physicals when entering preschool, entering kindergarten, during the 6th grade year (before entering 7th grade) and during the 9th grade year (before entering 10th grade). Here is the [preschool physical form](#) and the [K-12 grade physical form](#).
 - INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS Grades 6-12: A current physical done in the prior 12 months must be on file with the school nurse in order for your student to try out and participate in a school sport.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please be sure your contact information in your student's portal is up to date, including a **local** emergency contact who is available to pick up your

student. If you are having difficulty updating information on the portal, contact your child's school main office and someone will assist you.

- **ATTENDANCE AND ILLNESS:** If your student will be absent, notify the school's attendance office via email.

1. Your school nurse will follow up with you if your student is absent for a medical reason.
2. Notify your school nurse if your child has been diagnosed with Flu, Strep throat, Fifth's disease, Coxsackie (Hand, Foot and Mouth disease) or any other communicable disease
3. Your child must be fever free, vomiting and diarrhea free for 24 hours before returning to school.
4. Each morning, observe and assess how your child is feeling before they come to school--if he/she is not feeling well, STAY HOME
5. Temperature 100.0 degrees fahrenheit or greater and/or unknown rash--STAY HOME and contact your child's healthcare provider.

By working together, we can all help to support a healthy and safe school community.

Stay Well,

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