

## **Barnet School Health Services**

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The Health Services office offers:

- Emergency care
- First aid
- vision and hearing screening
- other screenings upon request of the teacher, parent, or student
- assistance to families needing help finding a medical or dental home, obtaining health insurance, or locating resources
- Vaccine management
- Care coordination
- Medication administration with parental/provider consent as per our protocols
- Chronic condition management and education while at school

### **NO STUDENT SHOULD BE SENT TO SCHOOL IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST:**

- fever, over 100.4 degrees, in the last 24 hours
- diarrhea or vomiting, within the past 24 hours
- persistent sore throat with fever or enlarged tonsils or glands
- persistent upset stomach or headaches
- undetermined/unidentified new rash
- reddened, itchy eyes with purulent (pus-like) drainage
- suspected or known head lice (pediculosis) that has not yet been treated
- Or illness that prevents them from participating fully in class/school activities

If you have any questions, please call the school nurse for guidance.

### **Dismissal due to illness**

If it is necessary to dismiss a student due to illness, he/she must be accompanied by someone designated by the parent or guardian. An ill child needing to go home must be excused by the school nurse or designee. Students who become ill in school will be sent to the school nurse or the designee.

Parents will be called to pick up their child for any of the following symptoms:

- Fever greater than 100.4
- Vomiting without other explainable cause
- Diarrhea-more than two occurrences during the school day
- The student is too sick to fully participate in class/school activities.
- Inability to manage/contain secretions

There are some instances, in the absence of the above symptoms, where the parent may be called to discuss preferred treatment or to pick up their child based on nurse assessment/ LNA observations. In the absence of the school nurse, students are to report to the nurse designee or administrative assistant.

The school nurse/designee, administrator, or teacher will contact a parent or their designee before authorizing the student to leave the building because of illness. No student will be allowed to dismiss themselves.

**MEDICAL NOTICES** – We ask parents and guardians to keep our school nurse informed of any medical conditions affecting their children especially those which may have an impact on others in the school setting. It may be necessary from time to time to share information about health conditions, so that we may follow our health policies as they pertain to communicable disease prevention and control.

**PRESCRIPTIONS** - The schools of the CCSU recognize that many children are able to attend school because of the effective use of prescribed medication in the treatment of chronic disabilities, conditions, or illnesses. It is more desirable for medication to be administered in the home; however, any student who is required to take prescribed medication during the regular school day must comply with the following regulations:

- Written orders from a physician for the administration of a prescription drug, which should include name of the student, name of the drug, drug dosage, reason for giving, time of administration, and any significant side effects which should be noted and reported, must be received before medication can be given.
- A renewal of a long-term medication order is required each school year.
- New orders are required when any changes in instructions have been made and the school nurse must be notified in writing (new orders).
- The medications should be in a properly labeled container from a pharmacy or physician.
- Written permission from a parent or guardian of the student requesting that the school district comply with the physician's order must accompany the physician's order.
- Medication must be stored in a locked cabinet in the school nurse's office or some other locked area designated by the school nurse or an administrator.
- Unused medication shall be destroyed or returned to the parent/guardian.

**SHORT TERM NARCOTIC PAIN OR CONTROLLED MEDICATION USE**- Ideally, it would be best for a student to rest and recover from an injury, surgery or other trauma at home until pain can be managed with tylenol or ibuprofen. However, if a student requires pain relief from

narcotics or other controlled medications please be aware of the following: Narcotics or other controlled substances will not be administered in school- no student should have them in their possession at any time. Parents or guardians must make the school aware if they have given their child any narcotic pain reliever or controlled medication. These medications can affect students differently. All teachers and staff that will have direct contact with the student will be notified so that the student can be monitored. If your child is observed to be unsafe, not able to participate in class or not able to tolerate the medication while in school, the parent/ guardian will be notified that the student will need to be picked up.

**NON-PRESCRIPTION** – Non-prescription medications will be administered only after a permission form has been signed by the parent. Permission cannot be given over the phone, except in the case of a one time, same day, request. All non-prescription medications must be left with the school nurse, or designee.

An on-going medication administration request will require written permission from the parent/guardian and shall contain the student's name, medication name, dosage, reason for giving, and time or frequency of administration before the medication can be given.

**\*All medication MUST be brought in by a responsible adult. Students MAY NOT transport medication to and from school.**