Take a look at some important clinic reminders below...

• BIRTHDAY TREATS:

- I highly encourage sending NON-EDIBLE treats with your student to share due to an increase in food allergies
- Remind your student to NEVER share snack or lunch items with friends for health and safety reasons

• WEATHER COOLING OFF:

- Make sure you send your student with a jacket or hoodie for recess and LABEL them so they don't end up in lost & found
- Students go outside for recess until the temperature drops below 25 degrees!

• FLU SEASON IS HERE:

- We've entered into Flu season and are starting to see Influenza numbers on the rise, as well as a GI virus and COVID. Strep is always going around.
- Make sure your student is getting proper sleep, hydration and nutrition.
- Talk to your student about good hand washing before eating and before touching their face. They should never drink after other individuals or share food.
- Remember the <u>24 HOUR RULE</u>: Students must be fever/vomiting/diarrhea free for 24hr without the use of medication before returning to school.
- If you're student is seen by their physician and tests positive for Influenza, COVID or strep reach out to me for reporting and guidance purposes.

• MEDICATION IN CLINIC:

If your student will take daily medication, has Asthma, Anaphylactic Allergies, Seizures, Diabetes or a G-Tube, please remember to print the REQUEST TO ADMINISTER FORM(s) or ACTION PLAN(s) from the LISD HEALTH SERVICES web site and see your physician for NEW SCHOOL PHYSICIAN ORDERS for 2023-2024. This paperwork must be dated after JUNE 1st and will be required prior to the clinic accepting any medication.

• IMMUNIZATIONS:

- If I sent you a letter needing IMMUNIZATIONS, please forward updated documentation to me ASAP! The first exclusion day is November 13th.
- If it is nearing time to renew your EXEMPTION from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience Affidavit, please order new forms @ https://corequest.dshs.texas.gov/.
 - REMINDER: We can **ONLY** accept originals, not copies.

• REMINDERS:

- Don't forget to keep EXTRA CLOTHES in your students backpack or locker! This
 will keep you from having to run some up to the school if the need arrises.
- o Don't forget to **LABEL** all items. (clothes, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc)
- Don't forget to send a WATER BOTTLE to school with your student every day!
- SAVE my clinic number in your phone so you don't think I'm a telemarketer if/when I call you. (512) 570-5527. FYI: I always leave a voicemail so hang-ups are not me trying to reach you!

• CHANGES TO CONTACT INFO OR MEDICAL HISTORY:

- Has your phone # or email address CHANGED or anyone on your emergency contact list?
 - If the answer is yes, please contact the registrar Amanda Rosensteel at (512) 570-5513 or amanda.rosensteel@leanderisd.org
- Has your student's medical history **CHANGED** or have they started medication?
 - If you need to update me on changes you may go to the menu on the Health Services webpage. We have added a button labeled "Student Health Information Update" that will take you directly to a google form. Once completed, it will automatically be emailed to me so I can update your student's information.

• <u>COVID-19</u>:

- If your student has TESTED POSITIVE for COVID
 - They will need to isolate for five days from symptom onset or positive test, whichever came first
 - Please complete this **FORM**
- If your student is **EXPOSED** to COVID
 - They may come to school but we recommend they wear a mask and symptom check twice daily for 10 days
 - If they become symptomatic, they are considered presumptive positive and must isolate for five days, test negative or get an alternate diagnosis
- o If your student has **SYMPTOMS** consistent with COVID but no known exposure
 - Consider isolating to prevent the unintended transmission of the virus to others as recommended by the CDC
 - Consider seeking medical guidance from your health care provider
 - Consider testing as recommended by the CDC (must stay home while awaiting test results!)

Have a great weekend! Nurse Wendy