Health Office FAQ

The following is a list of some of the most frequently asked questions brought to the school health office. We have provided the answers for your convenience.

**Q- *My child needs to take prescription and non-prescription medication during the school hours. What must I do so the nurse will be able to give my child the medicine?***

1. These are the steps to follow**:**
2. The medicine must be in original container.
3. A doctor’s written order is needed for prescription and non-prescriptions medication. The order may be faxed to the school.
4. A signed parent request form is needed.
5. You may find the forms on the website or call the health office for more information

**Q- *Last night my child vomited/diarrhea or had a fever. He seems fine this morning, may he return to school*?**

**A-** No, your child must be fever-free for 24 hour and not have vomited/diarrhea for 24 hours before he/she may return to school.

**Q-** ***My child was diagnosed with Strep throat. How long must he/she stay out of school?***

**A-** You child must be taking the prescribed antibiotic for a minimum of 24 hours **before** returning to school.

**Q- *The doctor prescribed eye drops for pink eye. When may my child return to school?***

**A-** The sclera (white part of the eye) must be clear with no drainage and your child must be taking the eye drops for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.

**Q- My child has a rash on his face and arms. May he/she come to school?**

A- No. the child may return to school only after we receive a note from a doctor stating that the rash is not contagious.

**Q- *My Child:***

1. ***Broke his/her arm on Saturday***
2. ***Had surgery last week***
3. ***Is recovering from pneumonia***
4. ***Has sprained his/her wrist***

***Does he/she need a note to excuse him/her from gym?***

A- Yes, we need a note from the doctor stating the length of time that your child’s activity must be limited.

**Q- *What should I do if I suspect my child has head lice?***

A- Call the school nurse and ask her to check your child’s head. Your child may return to school after having appropriate treatment with special shampoo and there are no live lice in the hair. Ten days later a second treatment is needed. Early reporting is appreciated because early detection helps limit the spread of head lice.

**Q- *If my child has a communicable disease such as Strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, or 5th disease, should I notify the school office?***

A- Yes, when you call the school please tell us the reason for your child’s absence. The nurse keeps records of reported communicable disease for disease control and to alert parents when a contagious disease is in the classroom.

**Q- *When I am filling out emergency information sheet, do I have to list allergies or medical conditions?***

A- To provide safe care to your child and have better understanding of the symptoms your child may experience, we need to know about any long term health problems. Information is shared with staff on a need to know basis.

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