

School Health Services



Welcome to School Year 2019-2020! As we prepare for a new school year, parents are encouraged to review their child's health requirements for school attendance.

Guam Law (10 GCA Health and Safety, Ch. 3 § 3322. Vaccination and Immunization) requires that each child should be properly immunized for school attendance. Health requirements for enrollment and attendance include the following:

- Updated shot records
- Physical examination when entering kindergarten, sixth grade and ninth grade
- Updated TB skin test when entering kindergarten, sixth grade and ninth grade or TB clearances if a student has had a previous positive TB skin test result

EXEMPTIONS:

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS – Need to submit and annual certification from the Director – Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS).

MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATIONS – Need a written statement from a licensed healthcare provider indicating vaccination contraindications.

STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION & HEALTH FORM (EIHF):

Needs to be completed at the beginning of each school year or at enrollment by the parent/guardian.

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to update this form ASAP if changes occur relative to contact or medical information, and changes should be submitted the following school day.

Individuals listed as alternatives to pick up a student from school must have a valid photo ID.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL:

If your child becomes sick at school and needs to go home, the School Health Counselor (SHC) or designee will attempt to notify you or your designated emergency contacts at the numbers listed on the emergency form. Please have a plan in place so that your child may be picked up as soon as possible.

ACCIDENTS AT SCHOOL:

Children should report all accidents that occur on school grounds, or accidents that occur on the way to and from school, to a teacher or the main office. Minor first aid treatment will be provided at school. If an injury is more serious, the school will notify the parent/guardian, and/or call the Emergency Medical Services via 911.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION:

All medications given in school, including non-prescription/over the counter drugs, must be prescribed by a licensed health care provider. Students are not allowed to carry or take prescribed medications outside the SHCs office. The following forms need to be completed before medication is administration at school:

- GDOE Medication Consent Form signed by parent/guardian and licensed health care provider
- Medication forms are available at the SHC and/or main office
- It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that the physician or licensed health care provider orders medications and submits the medications in the original pharmacy labelled container to the SHC. The following needs to be listed on the original medication label:
 - Name of student
 - Name of Medication
 - Drug strength & prescribing dosage
 - Route of administration
 - Time schedule of medication
 - Name of prescribing health care professionals & contact info
 - Date prescribed
 - Expiration date
 - Possible side effects

- ONLY adults are allowed to bring medication to school
- Special considerations shall be allowed for students to self-administer after a Medication Self-Administer Agreement Form was completed by the licensed healthcare provider, parent/guardian, and student.
- SHCs and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) are the only staff allowed by Guam law to administer medications in the school setting
- Only emergency medication(s) will be administered by CPR certified and trained non-nursing staff.

HEAD LICE:

If it is confirmed that a child, while at school, has nits and /or head lice, the parents/guardians will be notified immediately. The child will not be excluded from class, but will be allowed to complete the day; depending on the severity of the infestation. It will be the parent's responsibility to choose the treatment that best meet the needs of the child and family. Parents/guardians will be required to accompany their child to school for clearance prior returning to class. If live lice are found, the student will NOT be allowed to return to class.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES:

Some of the symptoms of communicable diseases may include the following:

- An elevated temperature (higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) - Fever
- Purulent discharge from eyes or nose
- Uncontrolled bouts of coughing
- An unidentified skin rash
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea

A child displaying these symptoms should be kept home from school until the symptoms have been gone for 24 hours or until a physician/ health care provider has examined your child and determined that the child can return to school. The school will notify you if your child displays any of these symptoms at school. Please notify the school if your child has been diagnosed with any contagious disease.

For any additional information, please contact: Julietta Quinene, R.N., MBA-HCA, H.BCUR. Community Health and Nursing Services Administrator (CHNSA) at 300-1637 or via email jqquinene@gdoe.net, or visit our website: <https://sites.google.com/a/gdoe.net/studentsupportservices/school-health-counselors> .



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