



# MANATEE COUNTY SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES 2014 – 2015 School Year



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Your school health room is staffed by a full-time trained Health Support Tech or LPN and a full-time or part-time Registered Nurse from either the Manatee County Health Department or the School District of Manatee County.

The goal of school health services and your school health staff is to provide care for your child(ren) in the event of illness or injury while at school. Health staff will assess and recognize signs and symptoms of acute illness, potential contagious conditions, and injuries that need first aid or medical care. They are not qualified to diagnose or recommend treatment. This is strictly up to your doctor. The health staff may administer medications which are prescribed by your doctor and for which you have signed permission (please refer to the medication guidelines). Policies and procedures jointly approved by the health department and school district are used to safely and uniformly provide care to students in school.

Please feel free to discuss with the school nurse any and all special needs your child(ren) may have that would require care and attention while in school.

We hope this flyer will help you better understand the role of your school health staff and provide a medical resource for information and referral.



## PARENT NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES



One or more of the following health services may be offered to students as part of the comprehensive School Health Services program. The promotion of good health and prevention of disease is the primary goal of this program. Please take a moment to consider these free services and the advantages to your child:

- Health screenings are conducted, such as vision, hearing, speech/language, scoliosis, dental, growth and development (height/weight/BMI), blood pressure, nursing assessment to identify possible communicable diseases and other risks to a student's health.

After any health screening, a record of the results will be sent home with the child. An effort will be made to test absent students at a later date. Please contact the school nurse if you have questions or concerns

- Educational programs are provided, such as health, safety, hygiene, self-esteem, nutrition, human growth & development, violence and substance abuse prevention.
- School nurses are available to assist students and families with various health issues or referrals to community resources .
- Students 17 years old and older may donate blood during the annual blood drive without parental permission (FS 743.06).

If you **do not** desire these services for your child, you must write a letter to your child's school. In your letter, you must state which of these services you **do not** want your child to receive. Be sure to indicate your child's name and grade. The letter must be signed and dated by the child's parent or legal guardian.

### Immunizations

The following are required for the 2014-2015 School Year.

| <u>PreK</u>                      | <u>Kindergarten—5th Grade</u> | <u>Grades 6th-12th</u>                          |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| DTP/DTaP/DT, Polio               | 4 or 5 DTPs                   | 4 or 5 DTPs                                     |
| Varicella                        | 3, 4, or 5 Polio              | 3, 4, or 5 Polio                                |
| MMR, Hepatitis                   | 2 MMR                         | 2 MMR   |
| Hib                              | 3 Hepatitis B                 | 3 Hepatitis B or (2 dose series for ages 11-15) |
| (above given at appropriate age) | 2 Varicella                   | 1 Tdap for grades 7-12                          |
|                                  |                               | 1 Varicella for grades 7-12                     |
|                                  |                               | 2 Varicella for grade 6                         |

- According to Florida statues, students not current on their immunizations will be excluded from school.
- Take a copy of ALL immunization records when you go to your doctor or clinic for immunization review or updating of immunizations.



# MEDICATION GUIDELINES



**NOTE:** Whenever possible, medication schedules should be arranged so all medication is given at home.

1. Only prescription medication will be administered at school. Over-the-counter or sample medications will be treated as a prescription and must be accompanied by orders from the physician.
2. Physician and parent portions of the MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION FORM must be completed entirely, signed, and presented to school before medication can be accepted/administered. Medication must be delivered, by parent/legal guardian, to school in the container in which it was purchased (dispensed). At this time the medication must be counted with school personnel. Additional parent authorization may be needed for any medications to be given on field trips outside regular school hours.
3. A separate supply of medication must be kept at school. Medication will not be transported between home and school on a daily or weekly basis. Please ask your pharmacist for a second container with a prescription label.
4. The label must indicate the student's name, name of medication, physician's name, dosage amount, route of administration and time (frequency).
5. If the medication requires equipment for administration (i.e. cup, spoon, dropper) the parent is responsible for supplying the articles, labeled with the student's name.
6. New MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION FORM will be requested each school year or with any change in medication.
7. When medication is discontinued or at the end of the school year, medication not taken home by the parent will be destroyed on last student day.
8. Self-medication:
  - Emergency medications for Severe Allergy and Asthma may be carried on the student's person when accompanied with a copy of the MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION FORM and CONTRACT TO CARRY AND SELF-ADMINISTER FORM with physician authorizing student to self-medicate and parent signature granting permission.
  - Please contact your school nurse regarding self-management of Diabetes and Pancreatic Enzymes.



## ILL/INJURED CHILD

**If you are contacted by school or health personnel to pick up your child from school due to illness, injury, or possible communicable disease, you need to make arrangements to pick up your child within 30 minutes. School health rooms do not have adequate space to retain sick and injured children who need to go home or be seen by a doctor. Children should be fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) before returning to school.**

In the event that your child becomes acutely ill (a very high fever 103° and above); abdominal pain with vomiting; severe respiratory (breathing) difficulty due to asthma or allergic reaction which does not respond to prescribed medication or for which medication is not available; repeated/extended seizure activity; a first-time seizure of unknown cause, or your child is severely injured (bleeding beyond control by routine first aid measures and/or is at obvious risk to his/her health and well being), emergency medical services (911) will be called to provide emergency care and transportation to the hospital if you or your designated emergency contact person cannot be reached.

Please keep school nurses informed on your child's medical conditions and your personal/emergency contact numbers.

The welfare of your child is our primary concern. Your assistance and cooperation is needed and appreciated.

### Website

<http://www.manateeschools.net>

The School Health link can be found by clicking "Departments"; then under Instructional, click "Exceptional Student Services" Click "School Health."

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdManatee/index.htm>

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