Student Medications to be Given in School

It is important that your child's medication be available to them at school if they should need it during the course of the school day. Not having the proper medication at school could create an emergency situation and a 911 call for a medical emergency. Not having medications at school may also lead to a restriction from certain activities.

What do I need for my child to have medication at school?

All medication must come in a properly labelled pharmacy box/container.

All medications must be accompanied with a proper Doctor's Order. A link to our Medication Order Form is on the Nurse Page on our website.

Please sign and date any order forms or action plans in the parent section before sending into school.

****NOTE** A new order is required for each new school year, regardless of the end date of the current school year order.**

What do I need for Asthma Medications?

Inhalers should also come to school this year with minimally a spacer and a mask (especially for the younger students).

If your child's doctor has developed an Asthma Action Plan please include a copy of that paperwork as well.

What do I need for Epi Pens/Auvi-Q allergy medications?

Epi-Pens/ Auvi-Q or similar injectable medications must come in with the **two injectables** in the box. It is common to have to administer a second dose of medication with an emergency allergy reaction, therefore two doses must be available.

If your child's doctor has developed an Allergy Action Plan please include a copy of that paperwork as well.

A list of your child's allergies will also assist us in monitoring those allergies.

What do I need for ADHD Medications for school?

ADHD Medications are most likely to be what is called a Scheduled/Controlled Medication and will be kept in a lock box.

An initial count of the medication must be done with the parent and school nurse or designee.

Your student should not be transporting this medication to school, you should be planning with the school nurse to schedule a time to bring the medication in to school.

What do I need for Diabetic Medication?

Orders will be needed from the endocrinologist or diabetic clinic. Arrangements will be made with the school nurse on an individual basis to go over supplies needed for the office.

What do I need for Seizure Medications?

Seizure Medications are most likely to be what is called a Scheduled/Controlled Medication. Depending on the type of medication they could be stored in a lock box.

Your student should not be transporting this medication to school, you should be planning with the school nurse to schedule a time to bring the medication in to school.

What if my child needs to take Antibiotics during the day at school?

If your child needs to take antibiotics at school they need to be in a properly labelled pharmacy container.

You will need a doctor's order. The school nurse can give the medication for a short period of time utilizing the pharmacy label.

What if my child needs Lactaid medication for lactose intolerance?

If your child has a documented lactose intolerance diagnosis, the nurse will need a written diagnosis from the doctor and order for Lactaid pills if your child uses them.

Also a doctor note will be needed to provide your child with Lactaid milk at school meals.

What if my child needs an Over the Counter (OTC) Medication?

OTC medication is not available in the Nurse's office on a regular basis.

If your child requires an OTC medication, such as Tylenol, Motrin, Nose Spray, etc., you will need a doctor's order for it to be given at school. And you must bring the medication to school, we do not stock OTC medications on a regular basis.

Cough drops should be brought to the Nurse office for administration with a note for permission for your child to have them.

REMINDER

Your child should not carry any medication on their person, unless approved by the school nurse after she assesses and evaluates the student's ability to self-administer.

End of Year Return

An end of year plan will be sent out on picking up your child's medications. Your child may not transport their medications.

If you have any questions, have difficulty obtaining medications or orders, or need to schedule time to drop off or pickup medications, please call the nurse at 413-782-5246 ext. 1129