

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this information is to highlight the services provided to all families attending Cherry Creek Schools.

Illness/Exclusion Information

CCSD is committed to keeping students healthy and safe. To meet this goal, CCSD Health Services follows guidance from local and state health departments. For illness information and exclusion criteria, we use evidence-based infectious disease guidelines from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Education (CDPHE). For a detailed look, please click on the link [Infectious disease guidelines for schools and child care settings | Department of Public Health & Environment \(colorado.gov\)](https://www.cdphe.colorado.gov/infectious-disease-guidelines-for-schools-and-child-care-settings).

**Please note that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we do anticipate excluding students for symptoms we can typically manage at school, including increased temperature without other symptoms, sudden onset cough, sore throat, headache and diarrhea (among some others). Once we are at a different stage in the management of the pandemic, we will be happy to revert to the CDPHE Infectious Disease Guidelines without an extra consideration for COVID-19.*

Medication and/or Nursing Procedures at School

Some students may require medication (over-the-counter, prescription) or nursing procedures (g-tube feeding, tracheostomy care, suctioning, etc...) during the school day. If your student requires either medication or a nursing procedure, a current signed order by your student's health care provider is required. CCSD Health Services forms and action plans can be found at <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1743>. Please contact your school nurse with any questions, concerns, or to receive any forms by hand.

Immunization Record

Colorado law requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed childcare to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed (Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2). To learn more about Colorado required vaccines, go to: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines>. Again, your school nurse is an excellent resource for questions related to immunizations.

Health Conditions

Many of our students have health conditions including asthma, allergies to foods or medications, diabetes, epilepsy/seizure disorders, or other chronic illnesses. When we know about these conditions, we can better help keep students safe and healthy while at school. If YOUR student has any health issues, it is very important to note them during online registration and alert your student's school nurse by email, phone or in-person.

Insurance Outreach

Insurance Outreach is dedicated to connecting families with health care resources. We work closely with Colorado Access and will assist students and families finding resources for medical, dental, and vision care. We can also help families connect with other important resources including immunizations, well child and sports physicals, and daily living resources (food and shelter). Please contact Insurance Outreach at (720) 554-5063.

Vision & Hearing Screenings

CCSD Health Services and CCSD Audiology complete vision and hearing screenings annually. Cherry Creek follows the Colorado Department of Education screening guidelines for grade level specific screenings.

**Please note: during the COVID-19 pandemic, vision and hearing screenings will vary to comply with safety and distancing. Contact your school nurse with any questions.*

We are very proud that Cherry Creek Schools maintains the model of a school nurse at every school. Registered nurses work with students & families to help remove health-related barriers to learning. Please reach out to your student's school nurse for questions, concerns or more information.

My best,

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Specifics Related to Medications and Nursing Procedures at School

- **In order to give prescription medications at school**
 - The school nurse will need written medication orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these medication orders with the provider.
 - Medication should be in the original container with a pharmacy label that includes the student's name, prescribing provider's name, name of drug, dose, route, time and/or frequency. This label must match the order form.
 - Medication will be administered by the school nurse or by delegated and trained school personnel.
 - Albuterol & Epinephrine will be kept in the clinic unless written permission for a student to carry these medications is given by the parent/guardian, provider, and school nurse. This requires that the student demonstrate the necessary maturity to keep it on their person, and that it can be secured safely at all times.
- **In order to give over the counter (OTC) medications at school**
 - If the student needs OTC medications on a regular basis, the school nurse will need written medication orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these medication orders with the provider. The OTC medication will be provided to the school in the original container with the manufacturer label.
 - The school nurse can give selected medications found in parent forms if the parent/guardian completes permission during online registration. This is for emergent or occasional use. If the student needs OTC medications on a regular basis, they will need written permission from their prescribing healthcare provider.
- **In order to give homeopathic/supplement interventions at school**
 - The school nurse will need written orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these orders with the provider.
 - The homeopathic/supplement interventions will be provided to the school in the original container with the dose that matches the provider order.
 - Homeopathic/supplements interventions may require approval by the CCSD Medical Advisory Board.
- **Transportation of medications**
 - Parents/guardians are personally responsible for the delivery of student medications to and from school.
 - All medications and equipment must be picked up by the last day of school by the parent/guardian. Medications that are not picked up will be discarded per board of health policy (*Medications acquired by the school or abandoned by parents shall be disposed of in accordance with 6 CCR 1007-2, Part 1, Regulations Pertaining to Solid Waste Sites and Facilities and 6 CCR 1007-3, Parts 260-268, and Parts 99 and 100.*)
 - Medications cannot be sent home with students.
- **In order to perform nursing procedures at school (such as: tube feeding, tracheostomy care, suctioning, catheterization, oxygen delivery)**
 - The school nurse will need written nursing procedure orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these orders with the provider.
 - The parent/guardian must provide all equipment for the nursing procedure.