

## St. Agnes Health Services

### **Health Services Mission Statement**

To enhance the educational potential of all students by promoting health and wellness for all students. We will collaborate with students, colleagues, families and the community to ensure a safe, healthy environment where continuous learning can occur.

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### **Forms**

- Medication Administration Record\*
- Asthma Action Plan\*
- Diabetes Medical Plan\*
- Food Allergy Emergency Action Plan\*
- Seizure Action Plan\*

### **Immunization Requirements**

Documentation of up-to-date immunization status for all students must be provided *before* attending school, as required by the State of Missouri.

Requirements for Preschool/Prekindergarten:

- 2023 Missouri Child Care and Preschool Immunization Requirements\*

Requirements for Grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade:

- 2023/24 Missouri School Immunization Requirements\*

### **Services**

- Illness assessment, care and referral
- Injury prevention, care and referral
- Medication administration and monitoring
- Annual screenings, follow-up and referral
- Health education, counseling and promotion

- Communicable illness control and prevention
- Environmental health and safety
- Care for children with special needs
- Assistance with access to health care services
- Confidential management of student health records including immunizations and screenings
- Emergency preparedness and response
- Compliance with State mandates and reporting requirements

### **Student Health Information**

At the time of registration each school year, parents/guardians complete an Emergency Medical Inventory form that includes important health information about their child that is kept by the nursing staff. In the event of an emergency, this information is used to ensure proper care for your child. Please notify us of any changes in your child's health as it occurs during the year. A confidential health record which includes medical history, immunization and screening results is kept for each student throughout their school career.

### **Medication Policy**

- A Medication Administration Record (MAR) form must be completed by a parent/guardian for the administration of a prescription medication and/or an over-the-counter (OTC) medication.
- All medications must be in the properly labeled prescription container or original over-the-counter medication container.
- Medications will only be administered according to the doctor's prescription order or in accordance with the manufacturer's label, if OTC.
- The first dose of any medication *will not* be given at school.
- OTC medications may be given at school for a period of 3 consecutive school days with written permission from the parent/guardian.
- All medication should be delivered to the school nurse by the parent/guardian or responsible adult and must be picked up by an adult.
- For safety reasons, students should not transport medications to and from school.

### **Medical Conditions and Medical Emergency Action Plans (EAP) Policy**

- Students with medical conditions including, *but not limited to*, **food allergies, asthma, diabetes and seizures**, must complete an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) as applicable at the start of each school year. EAPs must be completed and signed by the student's physician and signed by a parent. Physicians may provide their own standard form or complete a general form, as provided on the SCS website.
- Parents are responsible for providing current medications to the health office, as written per their EAP. Medications must be in the original container with the prescription label attached. Written permission from the physician is required for a student to carry their own life-saving medications, such as epinephrine or inhaler.

## **When Should I Keep My Child Home From School?**

### Exclusion Policy:

- If your child is unable to participate fully in all school activities due to illness
- Fever of 100 degrees or more within the last 24 hours, without fever-reducing medication
- Vomiting or diarrhea two or more times within the past 24 hours
- When your child has a contagious illness or a rash with an unknown cause and has not been cleared by their medical provider
- If your child requires fever-reducing or ongoing pain relief medication

Students will be sent home by the nurse if they present with any conditions on the school exclusionary list or for other issues deemed necessary. Parents/guardians need to pick up their child within 45 minutes of notification. If the student is not picked up within that time frame, depending on the student's condition, the nurse may deem it necessary to call EMS.

### **Head Lice**

Head lice infestations are common in school settings. Transmission occurs by direct contact with the head of another infested individual. Indirect spread with combs, brushes, or hats is unlikely. Head lice are often diagnosed in schools, but transmission usually occurs at home or in the community. The presence of nits reflects an infestation of weeks to months. Classroom and school-wide routine screenings are not shown to be cost-effective or effective in reducing head lice infections over time. Head lice do not carry disease, and therefore otherwise healthy students should not be excluded from school attendance because of nits or lice (American Academy of Pediatrics, School Health Policy and Practice, rev. 2010).

- If a student presents with live lice or nits, the parents/guardians will be notified. Parents will be asked to treat the student with appropriate pharmacologic treatment prior to returning to school.
- If there are two or more cases of active lice in a class, notification will be sent to parents, and the school nurse will use her judgment to determine if the entire class or specific students should be screened. The local healthcare consultant will be notified.
- Students diagnosed with head lice at school will be rechecked for live lice and nits as needed.
- Temporary exclusion of student(s) with live lice or nits will be enforced, at the end of the day.

