

FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Health Services

Dear Parents/Guardians:

A Registered Nurse is assigned to each elementary school campus in Fort Bend Independent School District. The school clinic is available to assist with the medical/health needs of each student. Please read the procedures and guidelines which follow:

CLINIC PROCEDURES

When a student feels ill or is injured at school and needs to see the nurse, he or she must get a pass from the teacher who is sending the student to the clinic. If the student goes to the clinic between classes or during a lunch period, he/she must get a pass from a teacher on duty. Exceptions are for sudden illness and serious injury.

The student will be signed in upon arrival to the clinic. When leaving, the student must get the signed pass back from the nurse showing the time he/she left the clinic and what assessments/interventions were done. This pass is to go home with the student and will serve as communication with the parent about the student's visit to the nurse.

First aid will be administered when needed. Minor first aid will be taken care of in the classroom by the teacher. A parent/guardian will be notified if a student is unable to remain at school or if an emergency arises requiring that he/she be taken to a medical facility. If a student must be transferred to an emergency facility before you arrive, a representative from the school will remain with the student until your designated person arrives.

It is required that illness/injury occurring at home be taken care of at home and that students do not go directly to the clinic upon arrival to school.

A student will not be allowed to remain in school or attend school if he/she presents with any of the following:

- *Temperature of 100.0 or greater*
- *Vomiting (which seems illness related) and/or diarrhea (3 or more loose stools in a 24 hour period) regardless if student has/does not have a fever*
- *An undetermined rash.*
- *Feeling too ill to remain at school*

A student may return to school when:

- *Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications*
- *Diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea suppressing medications*
- *Vomiting has subsided, and student has been able to keep down at least one meal and any other related symptoms are improving*
- *Rash has been identified as non-communicable by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Texas and written documentation from physician provided*

If a student must leave school due to illness, the parent/guardian is responsible for transportation. If you are not available, the person you designated on your student's emergency information card or in Skyward will be notified to pick them up. You may also send an email stating the name of the person authorized to pick up your child and that person must provide valid ID. **Clinic facilities only have three beds for ill students; therefore, it is important that your child be picked up promptly so we have space for other ill students.**

Medications

All medications (prescription and non-prescription) must be furnished by the parent/guardian and appropriate medication administration forms must be completed by the parent/guardian. Medication must be delivered to the clinic by the parent/guardian in the original and properly labeled container and picked up by the parent/guardian. **All medication orders must be renewed and submitted to the school nurse at the start of each new school year.** Another responsible adult, who has been designated by the parent/guardian in writing, is also authorized to pick up medication. The nurse and/or clinic assistant will administer all medications in the clinic apart from students who are required by their physician to carry emergency medications with them at all times including asthma inhalers or auto injectable epinephrine. In those situations, the doctor must submit a written order to the school on the Fort Bend ISD approved order forms.

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/medicalforms>

Medication administration requests for over-the-counter medication to be given greater than 15 school days must have the signature/directions of the physician. For prescription medications that are left at school, a second labeled container can be obtained from your pharmacy. When medication is discontinued, it must be picked up by the parent/guardian.

Returning to school after illness or injury

When returning to school after an absence, the student must bring a note from the parent/guardian explaining the absence. Students who must show a physician's release to re-enter school must take the completed form to the school nurse before going to class.

Temporary Disabilities

Any student who needs assistance with getting around the campus must bring a note from the parent/guardian or a physician's statement describing ability/modifications needed and for how long. Five minute passes may be issued to assist injured/disabled students in crowded hallways. Physical education/recess exemptions will be given at the parent's request for one week only when indicated. PE/recess exemptions for periods longer than a week require a M.D. note.

COVID-19 policy for 2024-2025

COVID-19 is now treated like other contagious diseases. The child may return to school when fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medications and with improving symptoms. Reporting to the school through the Wellness Screener is not required and quarantining is no longer requested.

if you have any questions, need to set up a time to drop off your child's medications (starting 8/2/24) or discuss your child, please email or give me a call! 😊

Sincerely,

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