

Clarksville Montgomery County School System School Nurse Information for Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The mission of the school nurse is to promote and protect the health of your child. Each CMCSS school building is staffed by a school nurse to help your child with daily needs and basic first aid emergencies. Note, there may be limited instances when your child's school nurse is unavailable. There are trained staff in each school that can assist your child with administration of medications in those situations.

It is important that you complete the electronic Student Health Assessment (HEA-F107) delivered to you by email and text as soon as possible. This will alert the school nurse of any known health conditions that may require a plan of care to meet your student's needs, and will also provide you with the appropriate documents needed if medications or treatments are required for your child during the school day. All student health information is kept confidential. Also, please keep your emergency contact information up to date with the school's front office.

If your child is seen in the nurse office for complaints of illness the school nurse will assess and determine if the student may return to class or if it is necessary to notify the parent. Parents are not routinely notified each time their child is seen in the office. It will be at your discretion if you would like to dismiss your student unless they meet requirements for exclusion, in which the nurse will excuse per policy. Please review our communicable disease policy ([HEA-A001](#)) and keep your child home if they have:

- Fever of 100.0 F or higher (must be fever free for 24 hours without medication)
- New infection (requiring antibiotic treatment before returning to school)
- Body rash with open sores, blisters, or drainage
- More than one episode of vomiting or diarrhea
- New severe/persistent cough

The school nurse may also notify parents of any injuries to their child that may be displaying an abrasion, bruising, or swelling. Furthermore, we will attempt to notify all parents of students who sustain injuries to their head and conduct an initial neurological/concussion assessment.

CMCSS provides free wellness screenings (hearing, vision, blood pressure, height, and weight) to all Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, and 9th grade students. If you do not want your child to participate in these screenings, you must opt "no" on the Student Health Assessment form sent to you by August 20th.

It is TN state law that no child can be permitted to attend any public school until proof of immunization is presented. It is the parent's responsibility to provide proof of immunization as required. This does not apply to any child whose parent files a signed religious exemption, or a medical exemption signed by the physician. Visit the TDOH website for more information regarding immunization requirements by law.

If your child is in elementary school, please provide a complete change of clothing in the event of an accident to leave at school, or in the student's back pack. The school nurse does not provide these.

All health policies may be found on the CMCSS website at www.cmcss.net under the "health services" tab. Please contact your school nurse with questions regarding your child's health.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter, Brittney Kirk, Student Health Services Supervisor