



Notes from the Nurse

School Nurse's Reflection

Wow! Can you believe it has been almost a year since CPS had to close their school doors and children had to stay home to become virtual learners! The school doors are slowly opening back up, vaccines are getting more and more adults vaccinated, the number of positive Covid-19 cases are going down. I look to the Spring with great hope of moving forward in a positive direction. However, we still have a way to go so we will remain vigilant in our safety protocols at school.

Immunizations in Middle School

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services requires all students get a booster **Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis)** and a **Meningitis vaccine prior to entering 8th grade**. We will be requesting all **6th and 7th grade parents** to provide documentation of these vaccinations prior to entering 8th grade. **Both in seat and Virtual students must be up to date on their vaccines.** I have attached a flier with additional information. **The sooner we receive the documentation the less reminder e-mails and phone calls you will receive from us!**

Students with symptoms of illness

One of the challenges we face in the Health Office this year are students who arrive in the Health Office with minor symptoms of illness. As you are aware, students can have only a runny nose and test positive for COVID-19. Therefore, sometimes we are sending student's home with minor symptoms. Please understand that we are doing this in an abundance of caution to maintain the health of all our students. **Please do not send your student to school with any of those symptoms - even if it is minor!**

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

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ATTENTION 6th & 7th GRADE PARENTS

Middle School Immunization Requirements

for

2021-2022 School Year

ALL STUDENTS

Must provide documentation of the following vaccinations

Prior to starting 8th grade

Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)

and

Meningococcal (Meningitis)

IMMUNIZATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

- Local Physicians
- Columbia-Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services,
1005 W. Worley, Columbia, MO Phone 874-7355

*****Please be aware that the Health Dept. is not currently receiving walk ins***

You must call to make an appointment**

The Health Department does not accept private insurance reimbursement; it does accept all forms of medical assistance and can help with uninsured or underinsured individuals.

Please call ahead to verify coverage information

EXEMPTION CARDS

If Exemption Card is needed please contact

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Jefferson City, MO

We will need the original card as proof

573-751-6400

Please fax or email documentation to the School Nurse as soon as possible!

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