



## Nursing Services

2019-2020

Dear Parents,

We welcome your child and you to our school. Please take a moment to read the following information regarding our district policies for health services.

**Registered Nurses:** Nurses in our district cover more than one school and are in each school at least once a week. The nurse at your school has regular communication with the Health Para and is available if any health care need or emergency arises.

**Health Para:** Your child's school has a Health Para in the health room every day. **Health Para's are not nurses.** They have received training in basic first aid, CPR, and medication administration only.

**Health Room:** Any student entering the health room will be allowed to remain there for up to 10 minutes. If there is a need to contact parents, we will use the phone numbers provided at the beginning of the school year. Please provide the school with current emergency phone numbers and update this information as it changes throughout the year.

**Medication Policy:** Please be aware that Colorado State law governs our medication policy. If your child must take medication during school hours, you must provide the following before we administer it:

- A written doctor's order (including drug name, dose, route, time, duration of treatment, doctor and parent's signature). **This includes all over-the-counter, prescription, and homeopathic medications. The only exception is cough drops, which are supplied from home, and may be given with written parent permission.** The physician may fax medication orders to the school. PLEASE NOTE: The pharmacy label applied to the medication bottle will not suffice for a doctor's order.
- Medication must be in the original bottle, complete with label. Medication cannot be given if it comes in a baggie, envelope, plain bottle, etc.
- All medications must be kept in a secure cabinet in the health room. If a student must carry a medication on him or her, such as an inhaler, Epi-Pen or Diabetes supplies, a physician order is required, and the student must sign a self-carry contract.

**Personal Care Items:** The following items may be applied to your child if needed: Vaseline (for chapped lips), lotion (for dry skin). Natural tears eye drops (for dry eyes) Please inform your school health room if you **do not** want these items applied to your child.

**Use of crutches and wheelchair:** Each health room has a wheelchair for emergency use only. If your student requires temporary use of parent/guardian provided crutches or wheelchair, please provide a Dr.'s note to the health room and accommodations will be made such as extra time for transition from class to class, elevator pass, PE restrictions etc.

**Immunizations:** All students must have current and up-to-date required immunizations in order to participate in school. The only exception to this is if the parent signs a personal or religious exemption. PLEASE NOTE: All Religious and Personal exemptions are required to be updated annually (please see process for exemptions below). Medical exemption from your student's physician for immunizations is only required one time.

**Immunization exemption process:**

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vaccine-exemptions>, fill out the exemption form and send a copy to school so your child's records can be updated, you can also ask for this form from your student's school health room. You can also provide a written or email document indicating your student's name, DOB, type of exemption (personal/religious), vaccine you are choosing to exempt and your signature to your student's school health room. Please note that a new exemption form must be filled out annually in accordance to Colorado immunization exemption law.

All students need to be compliant with their immunizations before fall break or they can be excluded from attending school. Your Nurse or Health Para will contact you soon after the beginning of the school year to inform you if your child is out of compliance, meaning he or she is missing immunizations. New students enrolling after Fall Break have 14 days to be in compliance or they may be excluded from school.

**Illness Guidelines:** Falcon School District 49 is following the Illness Guidelines from the Colorado Department of Education/Children's Hospital Colorado.

Sincerely,

Falcon School District 49 Nursing Services

All above information and health services forms are available through [d49.org/student-services/nursing-services](http://d49.org/student-services/nursing-services)