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A Letter from the Nurse's Office

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is being sent out as a reminder of our state and county policy regarding medication. As school nurses, we want to keep your children safe at school.

**\*Please help us care for your child and notify us of the following:**

ANY chronic or acute illnesses

ANY new medications or changes in medication dosages to be given at school

Exposure to a communicable disease including chicken pox, conjunctivitis, or strep throat

A life threatening or new allergy

A serious injury/illness requiring hospitalization

Diagnosed with a concussion

An injury resulting in a splint, cast, mobility assistance (crutches/wheelchair), or stitches

**\*Medications (As per WV Code 18-5-22a):**

All medications, both prescription and non-prescription (OTC) will be administered in the same manner. All medication, prescription and non-prescription must be accompanied by a physician's order when parents/guardians have requested school personnel to assist with the administration of medication. No medication will be administered without a physician's order for schools (this includes over-the-counter medications and ointments). It is the parent's responsibility to bring the medication to school, students will not be permitted to transport them on the bus. It is also the parent's responsibility to maintain a proper supply of medication at the school. (Ch. 5 Pol 5.26.1)

Please remember, it is very important to teach your children to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly. Hand hygiene is the most effective way of reducing germs and infections.

Sincerely,

Allison McWhorter, RN