

NOTES FROM THE NURSE



Happy Summer!! While taking the Summer off from school, make sure to check out the Dedham Middle School Health Services page for updates and new information. Here you will find our Allergy Action Plan (which is an excellent care plan if you child has a food allergy), Medication Administration Form and a link to the Health Services Handbook.

End of Year Medication Return

If your child has an Epi-pen or Inhaler in the Health Office we will be sending them home on Wednesday 6/19 with your child. They will be handed out during homeroom for the student to place in their backpack. We have a stock Epi-pen in the Health office in the event of an emergency on Thursday.

Allergies

Remember during the summer you must get new doctors orders for all medication and epipens. Epipens should have an expiration date of June 2020 or later. All forms are available on the health form website. **All medications and doctors orders must be dropped off by the parent to the nurse only. Medication should never be sent in with a student or given to a non-medical professional.**

Medication Administration

A Medication Administration form must be completed if your child needs to take medicine during school hours. All medication for each school year needs new orders in September. **All medications, prescription or over-the-counter, require a physician's order and a completed parental permission form. Medication will not be administered until documentation is complete and received by the school nurse.** A new medication order from the physician is also required for all dose changes. Signed medical orders are mandatory whenever students require accommodations or restrictions during their school day; i.e., crutches, elevator use, daily medications, etc. All required forms are available on the Health Services website.

Physicals/Immunizations:

Please submit a copy of your child's physical after each yearly exam. It's very important that updated physical exams are on file to better serve your child. **Students entering 7th grade this fall are required by law to have a physical examination - a letter will be mailed home if your child is missing any forms/immunizations for September. The physical should be dated 8/1/18-9/1/19.** If your child has a physical over the summer, please be sure to send it in. Also, the following immunizations are required for 7th grade: 2 doses of MMR vaccine, 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine, 2 doses of Varicella vaccine and 1 dose of Tdap (if it has been ≥ 5 years since the last dose of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td was given).

If anyone needs to meet about any health issues over the summer please feel free to email me and we can try to set something up in August.

I wish for everyone to have a happy, safe and healthy summer. Please do not hesitate to contact the nurse's office with any questions or concerns.