

To All Parents/Guardians

From: Patricia Sharkey, RN, CSN (Certified School Nurse)

RE: **School Health Requirements for 2020-2021 school year**

As we approach the end of an unusual and challenging school year, I would like to highlight some important school health requirements for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. If you have any questions and/or concerns, you can do any of the following:

- Email me at: pasharkey@philasd.org
- Refer to the Student Health Services CSN (Certified School Nurse) Procedure Resources at:
<https://www.philasd.org/studenthealth/nurse/csn-procedure-resources/>
- Email Student Health Services at: studenthealth@philasd.org
- Phone Student Health Services at: 215-400-4920

1. **Medications at School.** **ALL MEDICATIONS GIVEN AT SCHOOL MUST BE RENEWED BY THE DOCTOR OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EVERY NEW SCHOOL YEAR. A NEW COMPLETED SCHOOL MEDICATION FORM (MED-1) IS REQUIRED.** This includes prescription as well as over-the-counter medications (**Except for Tylenol and/or Motrin; See Below**). The school medication form is also required for any special **medical equipment** (such as blood sugar testing, tube feedings, catheters, etc). The school medication form has to be completed by your child's health care provider, then signed by the parent/guardian.

- **If you would like your child to receive Tylenol and/or Motrin** (brand name and/or generic) at school, please fill out the **Student Emergency/Medical Information Form (S-865)** and check off the appropriate boxes. There is an option to **give permission** or to **NOT give permission** for Tylenol and/or Motrin. The parent/guardian can fill out this form. This is an **Important Health Form** that also asks the parent/guardian to update student allergies and other medical conditions. **Therefore, this form needs to be completed by the parent/guardian For ALL Students** at the beginning of every school year, regardless of Tylenol and/or Motrin. See the links below for the required health form(s).

School Medication Form (MED-1)

<https://www.philasd.org/studenthealth/wp-content/uploads/sites/854/2018/08/Med-1.pdf>

Student Emergency/Medical Information Form (S-865)

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2. **Physical Exam.** An updated Physical Exam is **Required** when entering Kindergarten, 6th Grade and 11th grade or in any grade if up to date. Please have your child's doctor or health care provider complete the school **Physical Exam Form (MEH-1)**. Physical Exams are valid as long as they are done within one year of the start of the 2020-2021 school year. If your child's health care provider charges a fee to fill out this form, contact me. I will also accept the Office Visit Summary for the Physical Exam Form. See the link below for the required health form(s).

School Physical Exam Form (MEH-1)

https://www.philasd.org/studenthealth/wp-content/uploads/sites/854/2019/05/Report-of-Physical-Examination-Form_MEH1-1.pdf

3. **Dental Exam.** An updated Dental Exam is Required when entering Kindergarten, 3rd grade, and 7th grade or in any grade if not up to date. Please have your child's dentist complete the school **Dental Form (MEH-155)**. Dental Exams are valid as long as they are done within one year of the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The mobile dentists also do exams here at Fitzpatrick. I will inform you when the dates become available. In the meantime, **do not delay** routine dental care and **do not delay** care if your child is having dental issues. See the link below for the required health form(s).

School Dental Exam Form (MEH-155)

<https://webapps1.philasd.org/downloads/tdm/MEH-155.pdf>

4. **IMMUNIZATIONS. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE COMPLIANT FOR MANDATED SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. Students who do not have proof of all required vaccines will not be able to attend school unless an exemption form has been submitted and approved by the Office of Health Services.** A student who is exempt may not be able to attend school during an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease. See the links below for more information on Immunization Mandates and Compliance.

<https://www.philasd.org/studenthealth/wp-content/uploads/sites/854/2019/01/Vaccination-Requirements-.pdf>

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Please note the following requirements for 7th Grade:

- All students entering 7th grade are **Required** to have the following:
- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, & acellular Pertussis)
- Meningitis
- See the links below for more information on Immunization Mandates and Compliance.
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- **6th Grade Physical Exam:** If you did not submit the **6th Grade Physical Exam Form**, please submit it with your child's 7th grade immunizations. See the link below for the required health form(s).
- **School Physical Exam Form (MEH-1)**
https://www.philasd.org/studenthealth/wp-content/uploads/sites/854/2019/05/Report-of-Physical-Examination-Form_MEH1-1.pdf

5. **Student Health Information Form.** This is the same form parents/guardians fill out for Tylenol and/or Motrin, but it also includes important information about student allergies and medical conditions. **Therefore, this form needs to be completed For ALL Students** at the beginning of every school year, regardless of Tylenol and/or Motrin. See the link below for the required health form(s).

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6. **Medical Insurance and Other Health Care Resources.** If your child does not have medical insurance and/or you cannot afford to pay, consider the following resources:

- a. PCCY (Public Citizens for Children and Youth): This is a child advocacy group that can help parents find out if their child qualifies for public medical assistance. If your child does qualify for public medical assistance (or other health insurance), PCCY will help parents with the application process. Their phone number is 215-563-5848 and their web link is: <https://www.pccy.org/>
- b. Philadelphia Department of Public Health: The city of Philadelphia has public health centers throughout the city that provide medical care **for All Philadelphia residents** regardless of age and ability to pay. Basic dental care is also provided. The health centers will also fill out any required school medical forms. You **Must** bring proof of your Philadelphia residency. If you take your child for immunizations as a new patient, you **must bring a copy of your child's immunizations**. If you do not have a copy of your child's immunization, contact me for further assistance. The closest public health center to Fitzpatrick School is Health Center #10. See the links below for contact information.

- Health Care Center #10
2230 Cottman Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19149
215-685-0639
- Philadelphia Department of Public Health
<https://www.phila.gov/departments/department-of-public-health/>

Quick Links

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Forms – Student Health Services

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