

Health Services

School health services are provided to promote wellness and prevent illness within the school setting. A healthy child is better able to perform in the classroom. The school nurse accomplishes this by screening, teaching, evaluating, and monitoring health problems.

The schools of Bradford Area School District are staffed by full time licensed nurses.

Health Records

- **Please obtain a copy of your child's shot record from your health care provider and return it to the school nurse.** The State of Pennsylvania requires that the school nurse maintain up to date immunization records for all children in the school.
- Please notify the school nurse of any severe injury, illness, hospitalization, or surgery.
- Please notify the school nurse of any physical condition, medication change, or serious injury (broken bone, concussion, etc.) that may affect your child's participation in the classroom. Your child's performance in school may be altered by illness or medication.
- If your child is unable to participate in gym class, **a physician's excuse is required.** Recommendations for adaptive physical education should be made by the doctor.
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Medication Administration

In accordance with Board Policy No. 210, medication should be given before or after school hours, whenever possible. If, however, it is essential that your child receive medication during school hours, the medication will be administered under the following conditions:

- **No** medication will be dispensed until the health room has a **written order** from the prescribing **doctor**.
- All medication **MUST** be delivered to the health room by a parent or responsible adult, **not by the student**.
- All medication must be in the original container and be plainly marked with the student's name, name of the medication, dosage & time to be administered.

Illness

Please remember that it is important to keep your children home if they are sick. As stated in our Student Handbook that was distributed at the beginning of the school year, **Students should be kept home if they present any of the following symptoms during the night or the morning prior to school:**

1. Rash anywhere on the body
2. Fever
3. Headache or body aches & pains associated with fever
4. Diarrhea or vomiting

If your child has a fever, they may not return to school until they have been fever free for over 24 hours without the use of fever medicine. If you have to give your child Tylenol or Motrin to keep their fever down, they cannot come to school.

If your child is sent home from school with a fever, you cannot send your child back to school the next day.

Contagious Diseases

- Children with contagious diseases may be excluded from school until appropriate treatment has been administered and/or the health care provider certifies in writing that the child may return for school.
- For diseases such as pink eye or strep throat it is our policy that the child be on antibiotics for a full 24 hours prior to reentry into school.
- **Pediculosis (head lice):**
 - School wide head checks will be done in September, January, and April. Careful monitoring is done in between to prevent classroom infestation.
 - A child with active head lice will be excluded from school until the proper treatment is completed and the school nurse is satisfied that appropriate measures have been taken.
 - If you find that your child has head lice, please keep the child home for treatment and notify the school nurse