

ILLENESS, EMERGENCY, MEDICATION

- A. If your child becomes ill or is injured at school, the school nurse will assess your child, provide basic first aid and contact you if needed. It is important for us to know how to contact you at all times throughout the day. Please be sure all phone numbers and emergency contacts remain updated at all times.
- B. Based on the assessment of your child, the school nurse may administer basic medication in line with your instructions and a signed **Medication Administration Form** located under the *Parents Tab – Nurses Corner* on the school website.
- C. Cough drops are not allowed outside of the nurse's office.
- D. If your child will be out of school because of illness, please fill out an **Illness Absentee Form** located under the *Parents Tab – Nurses Corner* on the school website.
- E. A student who has an infectious or contagious disease, ectoparasites, lice/nits, scabies, bed bugs, etc. is not permitted to attend classes until the danger of transmitting the infection or disease to other students is over. The school maintains the option to require a doctor's note for the student to return to class if deemed necessary.
 - a. For general febrile illnesses, a child must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, before returning to school.
 - b. For COVID-19 related illness please adhere to the following guidelines:
 - i. If your child is exposed to a person who is positive for COVID-19, they must quarantine at home for 14 days from the day of the exposure. Exposure is defined as contact within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive individual for more than 15 minutes.
 - ii. If your child is positive for COVID-19 and has symptoms OR has symptoms consistent with the virus, your child may return to school 10 days after the diagnosis/positive test IF symptoms have improved AND your child is fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
 - iii. If your child has no symptoms but has a positive test, they may return to school 10 days after the positive test.
- F. The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Alexandria has directed that if a student's health needs necessitate taking a prescription drug or long-term medication during the day, the parent or guardian must submit an order from a Louisiana-licensed physician or dentist as well as a letter of request and authorization from the parent or guardian clearly indicating the student's name and the instructions for dosage and frequency. No medication shall be administered to any student unless it is provided to the school in the original container. Medicine must be kept in the school nurse office and the child must come to the school nurse to get it when it is to be dispensed. Short-term medications (such as antibiotics, cough syrups etc.) should be given before and after school, NOT sent with the child. If a mid-day dose is necessary, a parent/guardian must fill out a **Medication Administration Form** located under the *Parents Tab –Nurses Corner* on the school website.