NOTES FROM THE NURSES 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! The school nurses are looking forward to a productive, successful and healthy school year. Whether you're a returning student or are new to the district, the school nurses would like to review some important district health procedures prior to the first day of school. If you ever have any questions, feel free to contact your school's nurse.

- Please keep your child's school nurse informed of any new medical diagnosis or medication your child is taking. This information is important to keep your child safe at school and in case of emergency.
- Please provide a copy of any new immunizations your child receives to the school nurse so that they may be added to your child's records.
- Medication Policy: All medications (including over the counter medications) to be given at school must be registered with the school nurse. In order for any medication to be administered at school, the SPSD medication form must be completed which includes a licensed physician's order. Students are not permitted to carry their own medication with the exception of inhalers and/or Epinephrine. In order to carry these medications, the proper form must be completed by the student's physician and parent and registered with the school nurse. Medication forms on our website can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.
- Communicable diseases: The SPSD follows local and state health departments' regulations for return to school after a communicable disease. Please contact your school nurse with any questions. As a reminder, we ask that students experiencing an illness with fever do not return to school for a minimum of 24 hours after the last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. Also, students experiencing Gl symptoms such as vomiting or diarrhea should not return to school for a minimum of 24 hours after their last episode.

Community Health Resources from Allegheny County Health Department's Guide to Health Care Services for Underinsured or Uninsured

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