

Holy Sepulcher Catholic School Health Policy

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Illness

It is often difficult to decide if your child should stay home from school when complaining of illness. An objective sign is an elevated temperature. A child should be kept home from school until the temperature has remained normal (below 100°) for 24 hours.

If a child has a temperature of 100° or more, skin rash, diarrhea/vomiting, strep throat, or evidence of lice, the child will be sent home. Parents are asked to use discretion in sending their children to school if they display any of these symptoms. Please inform the school office if your child becomes sick with a contagious illness. Notes will be sent home with the other children to warn parents of contact and incubation of communicable diseases.

Accident and Injury

In the case of accident or illness at school, parents are contacted to take the child home, to the doctor, or hospital. It is important for your child's safety and comfort, as well as the effective operation of the office that emergency information needed to locate parents is available for each child and that this information is kept up-to-date by parents.

Parents of children who have any type of physical disorder or allergy should contact the principal, school nurse, or teachers to make them aware of the problem.

Allergies

Each student with an allergy should have an Emergency Care Plan (ECP) on file at the school. The plan provides school personnel with essential information on how to recognize and react to signs and symptoms of an allergy.

If the student has a food allergy, the school will:

- Have a least one staff member trained to administer epinephrine auto injectors
- All staff members will be able to recognize the symptoms of an allergy and react to the symptoms as per the student's ECP.
- Have readily available items necessary to treat an allergy such as auto injectors as provided by the parents/guardians and ordered by a medical provider.

- Emergency medical provider and parent/guardian phone numbers will be readily available to contact if there are questions
- The student's food allergy ECP will be made available to all staff including substitute teachers, food service personnel, bus drivers etc.
- The student will be provided with an allergen free table in the cafeteria
- Adult supervision will be available in the cafeteria to ensure that students are not sharing or trading food or bullying.
- Teachers will follow established school procedures for limiting foods in the classroom.
- If a student inadvertently brings a restricted food into the classroom, he/she will not be allowed to eat that snack in the classroom.
- The parent/guardian will supply snacks if needed in addition to or instead of any snacks supplied for all students.
- Teachers will take into consideration the potential for exposure to food allergens when determining sites for field trips.

MEDICATION

As a state law, medication (prescription, over the counter and/or homeopathic) must be given at home. Parents should request for their physician to adjust the schedule for administration so that it can be given before and after school hours.