

## **STUDENT HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION**

### **Immunizations**

Students attending school are required to have proof of immunizations against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis, chicken pox, tuberculosis testing if enrolling from a foreign country and any other immunization required by Ohio law and board policy. Those students not providing proof of required immunizations within fourteen (14) calendar days of school attendance will be subject to exclusion. Any questions about exemptions or immunizations should be directed to the school health staff.

### **Wellness Policy**

As required by law, the Canal Winchester Board of Education has established a Wellness Policy for the Canal Winchester Local School District. The board of education recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the district's students and staff. Therefore, each building has developed goals to establish good health and nutrition habits through nutrition education, physical activity and other school-based activities. Further information may be obtained from your building principal.

### **Injuries and Illness**

**Injuries** – Injuries must be reported to a teacher or the office staff. If minor, the student will be treated and may return to class. If medical attention beyond the school health staff is required, the school emergency procedures will be followed.

**Illness** – A student who becomes ill during the school day must request permission from the teacher to go to the clinic. The school health staff will determine whether or not the student should remain in school or go home.

### **Emergency Medical Authorization Forms**

State law requires that all students must have an Emergency Medical Authorization Form completed, signed by a parent/guardian, and filed in the school office. A student may be excluded from school until this requirement has been fulfilled. Emergency Medical Authorization Forms, provided upon school admission, are to be returned by the third day of school. Notify the school if any telephone numbers, address or contacts have been added or changed during the school year. No student will be released from school without parental permission unless a serious or life-threatening condition warrants transportation to an emergency room. A reasonable attempt to contact the parent/guardian prior to transport will be made.

### **Conditions Requiring Exclusion from School**

The Ohio Department of Health has provided strict guidelines for preventing the spread of highly contagious infections in the school environment. These guidelines are meant to protect your child and others from unnecessary exposure to infectious or communicable organisms. If these conditions are found or suspected by the school health staff or office staff, a parent/guardian will be contacted to take the student home. A student should not be in school if any of the following conditions are present:

- Any contagious bacterial or fungal infection until treated with antibiotics for at least 24 hours including, but not limited to; strep throat, conjunctivitis, ringworm, skin infections and scarlet fever.
- Fever of 100 degrees F. or higher within 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea within 24 hours
- Undiagnosed redness and secretions from the eye/s
- Head lice until school health staff examines for satisfactory treatment/removal of lice and nits
- Scabies, until initial treatment of an appropriate scabicide
- Impetigo, until there is no discharge and has been treated for 24 hours
- Chicken pox, until the 6th day after onset and until all sores (lesions) are dry, (students with shingles do not need to be excluded as long as sores are covered with clothing or bandages until sores have crusted)
- Undiagnosed rash – as per the guidelines submitted by the Ohio Department of Health, Division of Infectious Diseases, "all children sent to school with suspicious rashes must be excluded from school until the rash has been diagnosed by a physician"

### **Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases**

Because schools have a high concentration of people, it is necessary to take specific measures when the health or safety of the group is at risk. The school's professional staff has the authority to remove or isolate a student who has been ill or has been exposed to a communicable disease. Specific diseases include, but not limited to; diphtheria, scarlet fever, strep infections, pertussis (whooping cough), mumps, measles, rubella, head lice and other conditions indicated by the local and state health departments. Any removal will be for the contagious period as specified in the school's administrative guidelines and per the department of health requirements.

### **Control of Non-Casual Contact Communicable Diseases**

In the case of non-casual contact communicable diseases, the school has the obligation to protect the safety of the staff and students. In these cases, the person in question will have his/her status reviewed by a panel of resource people, including the County Health Department, to ensure that the rights of the person infected and those in contact with that person are respected. The school will seek to keep students and staff in school unless there is definitive evidence to warrant exclusion. Non-casual contact communicable diseases include sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), ARC-AIDS Related Complex, Human-Immunodeficiency (HIV), Hepatitis B (HBV) and other diseases that may be specified by the State Board of Health. As requested by federal law, parents will be requested to have their

child's blood checked for HIV and HBV when the child has bled at school and students and/or staff members have been exposed to the blood. Any testing is subject to laws protecting confidentiality.

#### Use of Medications

The Canal Winchester Board of Education shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illnesses. The administration of prescribed medication and/or medically prescribed treatments to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours or if the child is disabled and requires medication to benefit from his/her educational program. **For the safety of our students, the transportation of all medications to and from school is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.** For the purposes of this policy, "prescribed medication" shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician or licensed prescriber. Non-prescription medications shall include all age and/or weight appropriate over-the-counter drugs, preparations, and/or remedies. "Treatment" refers both to the manner in which a medication is administered and to health-care procedures that require special training, such as catheterization.

#### Prescription Medications

Before any prescription medication or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, the Canal Winchester Board of Education requires the student's physician/licensed prescriber and parent/guardian to complete a Medication or Treatment Authorization Form. **The authorization form is required to be renewed each school year.** This document shall be kept on file in the school health clinic. Prescription medication must be in the original container, labeled with the date, student's name, prescriber's name and exact dosage. Staff designated by the superintendent may administer prescription medication or treatment as authorized in writing on the authorization form by a physician/licensed prescriber and parent/guardian. **All prescription medications must be stored and locked in the school health clinic.**

#### Non-Prescriptions/Over-the-Counter Medications

Students in **grades Preschool-5** may have over-the-counter medication if the required Non-Prescription Medication Authorization Form is completed, signed by the parent/guardian and on file in the school health clinic. All medications must be provided by the parent/guardian and will be stored in the school health clinic and *administered by authorized school personnel or the child's parent only.* Students in **grades 6-12** may **self administer** over-the-counter medications only when the Non-Prescription Medication Authorization Form is completed, signed by the parent/guardian and on file in the school health clinic.

**All medications are to be provided by the parent/guardian. Canal Winchester Local School District does not supply medications.** Non-prescription medications must be in the original container with the student's name, current expiration date, dosing guidelines to validate appropriate dose for age and/or weight. Examples of non-prescription medications that may be stored and administered at school are: Tylenol, Motrin, Advil, Benadryl, Tums, Maalox, cough drops, cold and cough medicines, and lactase products.

**Any medication or medical equipment remaining at the end of the school year will be discarded one week after the last day of school.**

#### Health Screening Programs

The Canal Winchester Local School District is continually concerned about the welfare and progress of children in the school. In an effort to consider your child's educational needs, the school conducts a variety of health screenings under the supervision of the school health staff and the speech/language pathologist to provide important information about each student. You will be notified if any of the screenings indicate problems or if there is a need for further medical advice. If you do not wish your child to participate in any of these screening programs, please contact the school immediately.

The evaluations that may pertain to your child (age and/or need appropriate) are listed below:

- speech/language screening
- hearing screening
- vision screening

In addition to these screenings, the nurse, school health staff and speech/language pathologist cooperate with students, teachers, parents, administrators, guidance counselors, community agencies, physicians and other pertinent professionals as deemed necessary.