

Welcome to Learning Community Charter School!

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Nurse Office FAQ's

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Most actions in the Nurse's Office are dictated by State Law (we can't escape it ☺). Here are the most frequently asked questions about Medicine, Your Child's Health during School, and the LCCS Nurse's Office:

1) What Medical documents are needed for school?

- Up-to-date immunization form (or statement of Religious or Medical Exemption)
- A recent physical (done within the past year)
- completed Health History
- completed Medication Policy
- completed Child Safety Form

2) When is the deadline for these documents? The **ABSOLUTE deadline is Sept. 30, 2011.** After that, your child will be excluded from school by State Law. We urge you to complete all doctor, dental & vision exams over the summer.

3) What if my child has a medical condition—like asthma, diabetes or food allergies—and needs medication stored at school? Parent and School Nurse create a Care Plan, complete with the Doctor's orders.

4) My child's doctor says she can attend school while taking an antibiotic (or any prescription medication). Can she give it to her Teacher to give to her? NO! Nurses, doctors, parents (& guardians) are the only people who can give medication to minors in New Jersey. **NURSES NEED A DOCTOR'S ORDER TO GIVE MEDS.** Keep the Medication During School Form handy. The doctor can write his/her orders on that form & the School Nurse can then give the medication. LCCS asks that parents make every effort to avoid sending medication into school with their child.

Do Teachers take care of any medical matters? No, students are sent to the Nurse's Office.

5) What about Over-The-Counter medications, like Tylenol or cough drops? LCCS has orders from our School Physician for the School Nurse to give OTC meds for minor ailments to help children stay in school. **FEVER DOES NOT FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.** Things like minor coughs, pain from braces, menstrual cramps, etc, can often be managed in the Nurse's Office so your child can finish the school day and parents can stay at work. For conditions that can't be managed at school, students need to be picked up to be seen by their doctor or treated at home. Parents should have a "Plan B" if you cannot pick up your child within a reasonable time.

6) What else can I do to help my child stay healthy & successful in school?

- Feed them breakfast! Even a breakfast bar in their pocket on a rushed morning is better than nothing.
- Establish a regular bedtime!
- Do NOT give your child who's feeling sick some Motrin & send them to school.
- Have a full change of clothes stored at school or in their bookbag.
- Keep your contact information up-to-date. While the Nurse is making 5 phone calls to reach a parent, your child could be waiting to be seen.