



We would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you some of our school health guidelines and the services we provide. There is always a full time registered nurse and/or health aid on duty in the clinic throughout the school day. The purpose of the clinic is to provide first aid to students and staff for illnesses and injuries that occur during the school day. In addition, we provide health information and education, provide resource material and make referrals for health related issues. Our clinic staff works closely with parents and students to develop individual action plans for pre-existing medical conditions. Some students tend to develop a pattern of very frequent clinic visits causing them to accumulate multiple class absences and missing assignments. Should we find this occurring, parents and school administrators will be notified.

Students who become ill at school should report to the clinic for treatment. While the student's immediate needs will be addressed, please keep in mind that nurses are not qualified to diagnosis illness and the clinic is in no way an acceptable substitute for parent-directed medical care.

When should your child stay home from school?

- A temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Any vomiting and/or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Eye symptoms such as redness, itching and/or unusual white or yellow drainage
- Has lice or nits; students may return to school after they have been properly treated, are nit-free and rechecked by the nurse or health aid

Medication policy:

Prescription Medications: Students needing prescription medication must have signed authorization from both a parent and their physician. Prescription medication must be in the original pharmacy container that includes proper labeling. If there is a need for the medication to be given at home as well as school, upon request, pharmacies are happy to supply you with an additional properly labeled container. Students will not be permitted to carry medications back and forth to school on a daily basis.

Over-the-counter (OTC) medications: Students needing to take OTC medications during school must provide written parental authorization before doing so. Telephone requests or written notes for administration will not be honored. Students must provide their own supply of non-expired OTC medications in the original container. The clinic will **NOT** supply or distribute any medication unless it is supplied by the student/parent. This includes Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl, Neosporin and even cough drops...**NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

These medication authorization forms can be obtained in the school clinic located within the high school office. The forms are also available for download on our website at www.mcjvs.edu/ui/parents/health-wellness.