

HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Please keep for future reference

The Geneva Area City Schools' emergency form link code and yearly health history is being sent home with your child. Ohio State Law requires new emergency information be filled out every year, so please **complete the form online immediately**. The information is needed if an emergency or illness should occur and there is a need to reach the family. When your phone number changes, you must update the information online using the password you created. The school is not responsible for transporting a sick child home, or in an emergency is not responsible for the cost of an ambulance. No child would be taken to the hospital unless the school officials felt immediate care was imperative and the parent or alternate person could not be contacted. The nurses are available for first aid situations occurring at school and not to treat problems that occur out of school hours.

Please keep your child home from school if he/she has a persistent headache, fever (100 degrees or higher), vomiting or diarrhea during the night, pink or inflamed eyes, frequent or persistent coughing, a skin rash over the body, or any symptoms of a communicable disease. Please be considerate of other students when your child is sick by keeping your student home. Please do not send your child back to school unless they are symptom free or highly improved, (no vomiting, diarrhea, etc) for 24 hours. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours without a fever reducer before their return to school. Current COVID-19 school and health dept. recommendations will be followed. **If two or more symptoms (listed below) of illnesses are detected, a student will be sent home.**

- **Fever (100 degrees F or greater)**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of breath or Difficulty breathing**
- **Chills or Shaking**
- **Muscle or Body aches**
- **Headache**
- **Sore throat**
- **Loss of smell or Taste**
- **Congestion or Runny nose**
- **Nausea or Vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**

If symptoms continue or increase, the student should consult their primary health care professional and continue to stay home from school. We ask that you call the school office on the morning of your child's absence to report why your child is not attending school and send an absence note upon their return to school.

School and State Law prohibit medication to be given at school unless prescribed by a physician. A signed parental and physician permission form must be in the office/clinic before medication can be given. All medication must be properly labeled with the child's name, name of medication, doctor and dosage, time to be given and any special instructions. In the

elementary schools, a parent must bring the medication to the school. Medication may not be transported on the bus.

Parents are asked to check their children's hair for nits (eggs) or lice (bugs). Proper treatment, removal of all nits and re-admittance by the school nurse is required before children return to school. Reporting such instances to the school also helps to keep the problem under control.

The nurses' duties include screening at the grade levels listed below:
Kindergarten: Vision, hearing and immunization records.

Grades 1, 3, 5, 9 and 11: Hearing and vision Grade 7: Vision only

Emergency information and health concerns are updated online via the school website **by the parent**. Please contact the school nurse if your child receives his/her school immunizations, starts new daily medications or has any new health concerns that you would like to discuss.

Information on various health problems and special requests for hearing and vision are also available. We are here to promote good health for your children through prevention and education. It is well known that children learn best when they feel well.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Geneva School Nurses