






## Madison Junior School

### Information from the Nurse

**Attendance/Tardiness:** In the event of your child's absence/tardiness from school please call the **ROLL CALL number at 973-593-3151** each morning before 8am with your child's name and reason for absence. In the event of an extended absence or attendance question contact **Mrs. Damiano** at 973-593-3149, option 1.

**Immunizations:**  If your child is 11 years of age, the **Meningococcal vaccine and Tdap booster** is required before entering grade 6. Please send your child's record with proof of Tdap and Meningitis vaccine to the school nurse, no later than Thursday, September 30th. A physical exam is not required for your child to receive their vaccinations. The Madison Board of Health can assist in the event of insurance issues (973-593-3079). Children who are not age 11 on the first day of school, are given two (2) weeks from their 11th birthday to provide written proof of compliance to the school nurse. Children not in compliance with this regulation will be subject to exclusion from school until the immunizations are completed as per the NJDOH.

**Students with Asthma & Allergic Anaphylactic Medications:**  On the Parent Portal print the Asthma Action Plan and/or the Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan. Together with your physician complete the forms and submit the forms to the school nurse no later than the first day of school. Label all medications with the student's name and grade. This is the only form the school needs for the administration of medication for Asthma or Life Threatening Allergies.

**All other Medications:**  On the Parent Portal print the Permission for Medication Form for non-emergency medications including over the counter products like Advil. Have your child's physician complete the form along with your signature giving the nurse permission to dispense the medication to your child. Medication should be submitted in the original bottle and labeled properly. Orders may be faxed to 973-966-1908.



**Physical Education Excuses:** All students must take Physical Education as mandated by the NJ Department of Education unless he/she has a signed doctor's note excusing them for a medical reason. A note from the parent will excuse the student for up to two (2) days. All notes should be given to the school nurse who will notify the PE teacher. Notes will only be accepted from a medical physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner for extended absences. We cannot accept excusal notes from a physical therapist, doctor of physical therapy or chiropractor.



**MJSAO sports program:** Athletes must submit a NJ Pre-Participation Athletic Examination Form or have a current non-expired PPE on file. The Athletic Pre-Participation Examination is valid for 365 days beginning with the date of the actual physical (Ex. A Physical conducted on 9/07/2017 is valid through 9/06/2018. If the tryout for your chosen sport starts on 9/07/2018 a newly completed physical is necessary to participate.) Prior to tryouts/practice all athletic forms must be approved by our school physician. This can take up to two weeks for final approval. All forms should be submitted to the school nurse no later than two weeks prior to the first practice sessions.

Students who have a valid physical on file in the nurse's office from the preceding school year that is within the date range for the first day of tryouts/practice must complete a Health History update. You can find these forms and information on our Madison District home page under "Athletic Participation Physical."

Our main concern is the safety of your children. Therefore, it is important to inform your MJSAO Coach about your child's allergies, asthma, and other health concerns. Your child must carry their epinephrine auto-injectors and asthma inhalers with them at all times during all sporting events/practices. All coaches will be trained by the nurse in the administration of epinephrine and in glucagon injection for diabetes.

Please see the athletic website, [www.mjsdodgers.org](http://www.mjsdodgers.org), to get more information about the program.

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