



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We look forward to working with you to help keep all of the students healthy and well. Discovery has 3 nurses serving the Discovery campuses this year.

- 1. DJOD Campus** - Brooke Barrere is servicing the DJOD campus for the second school year in a row. Brooke has been a Registered Nurse for 8 years and has been with Discovery for 4 years. Brooke is also a founding family parent of 3 Swamp Owl students. Brooke loves decorating for holidays, going to concerts and spending time with her family. Brooke's contact info is: brooke.barrere@discoveryhsf.org
- 2. Loyola/Vintage Campus** - Christine Cole is servicing the Loyola / Vintage campus this year. Christine has been a nurse for the past 13 years at East Jefferson General Hospital in the NICU and Mother Baby departments. Christine is excited to be working with everyone and to be a part of the Swamp Owl family. Christine enjoys swimming, baking, and spending time with her family. Christine's contact is christine.cole@discoveryhsf.org
- 3. Maine Campus** - Liz Byrd has been a registered nurse for 11 years caring for kids from infancy through young adulthood at Children's Hospital and East Jefferson General Hospital. She has 3 kids at Discovery Schools and is looking forward to caring for our swamp owls. She enjoys seafood boils, swimming and spending time with family. Liz's contact info is: liz.byrd@discoveryhsf.org

COVID INFORMATION

- Signs and Symptoms of COVID include but are not limited to:
temperature of 100 or greater,
chills
sore throat
new uncontrolled cough with difficulty breathing
fatigue
diarrhea
nausea and/or vomiting
muscle or body aches
abdominal pain
new onset headache (especially with fever)
new loss of taste or smell
congestion or runny nose

- See the attached form for more information - <https://www.discoveryhsf.org/o/kenner-discovery/browse/58914>

All students will need the following Health Information completed:
Louisiana Health Information Form

HEALTH CONDITION and ILLNESS OR INJURY

- When a student has a minor illness or injury, the School Nurse or a trained, designated school staff person will provide first aid and notify the parent / guardians by phone, as needed per the nurse's discretion.
- If the student has a life threatening illness or injury, 911 will be called and the parent/ guardian will be notified.
- It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to inform the School Nurse about any existing health conditions that their child has (i.e., asthma, diabetes, ADHD, seizures, heart problems, sickle cell anemia, etc.). This information can be provided on the **Health Information Form** or by scheduling a health conference with the School Nurse.
- If the student will require special health accommodations or procedures during the school day a **State of Louisiana Physician's Authorization for Specialized Care** form must be completed by a Louisiana licensed physician and submitted to the School Nurse.
- In order for the school to send or receive information to or from the physician, the parent must complete a **Release of Information Form**.
- It is the parent's responsibility to provide all required equipment and supplies for the procedure.
- All forms are located on the school website.
 - <https://www.discoveryhsf.org/o/kenner-discovery/browse/58914>

FOOD ALLERGIES

- Students with food allergies should submit a Medical Statement to Request School Meal Modification completed by a Louisiana licensed physician to the School Nurse.
 - https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/363879/Diet_Prescription_for_Meals_at_School.pdf

MEDICATIONS

- All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) that are to be administered during the school day or during school sponsored activities will require a completed **State of Louisiana School Medication Order form** and **Parental Consent for Medication Administration**.
- All medications must be checked in every school year. **See below for dates and times of medication drop offs.**
- If a student is found to be in possession of medication that has not been checked in per Medication Administration policy, the medication will be confiscated until a parent is available to pick it up and the student possibly subject to disciplinary action.

IMMUNIZATIONS

- In accordance with Louisiana law, all students registering at a Discovery Health Science Foundation Schools must be immunized according to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health Immunization Schedule.
- A STATE OF LOUISIANA UNIVERSAL CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATIONS with a valid expiration date must be presented at registration.
- A written dissent must be signed by the physician and submitted to the school, if immunizations are contraindicated for medical reasons. A parent must sign a personal or religious dissent and submit it to the school.
 - https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/363877/Statement_From_Exception_From_Immunizations.pdf
- If there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease for which the student is not immunized, he/she will be excluded from school by the Office of Public Health for an extended period of time until the threat of transmittal has passed.
- Information regarding the required vaccinations for school entry in Louisiana can be viewed by clicking on the links below:
- [Click here for English Vaccination Schedule](#)
- [Click here for Spanish Vaccination Schedule](#)
- [Click here for GNO Shots Bus Calendar](#)

MEDICATION DROP OFF DATES:

- August 7, 8:30 - 10:00 at Loyola / Vintage (side entrance of HS building)
- August 7, 1:30-3:00 at Maine (25th St. side entrance)
- August 10, 1:30-3:00 at Loyola / Vintage (side entrance of HS building)
- August 11, 1:30-3:00 at Maine (25th St. side entrance)
- August 12, 1:30-3:00 at DJOD (front gate by Albert St)
- August 17, 1:30-3:00 at Loyola / Vintage (side entrance of HS building)
- August 18, 1:30-3:00 at Maine (25th St. side entrance)
- August 19, 1:30-3:00 at DJOD (front gate by Albert St.)

Medication drop off for any Discovery School student may occur at any of the Medication drop off dates and times. Please email the school nurse your selected date and location for drop off. If one of the above dates and times will not work, please contact your school nurse for an appointment.