

ILLNESSES

Sick children should not be sent to school. Students should have no vomiting and be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before being sent back to school after an illness. If a student becomes sick at school, a call will be made to the parent or guardian to come pick up the student.



STATE MANDATED HEALTH SCREENINGS

Kindergarten – Vision/Hearing
 1st Grade – Vision/Hearing/BMI
 3rd Grade– Vision/BMI
 6th Grade– Vision/Hearing/BMI/Scoliosis

School personnel may recommend additional screenings. Participation in the mandated health screenings is voluntary. However, it is School District policy to only exclude a student if a written notice is received from the parent/guardian prior to the screening day. Parents/guardians whose student has failed a mandated screening will be notified of the results. It is the parent's responsibility to have the child seen by the appropriate practitioner after being notified by the school of a failed screening.



CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any health related questions or concerns, please call your child's School Health Assistant during regular school hours or the Coordinators of Health Services at the phone numbers below.

School	Health Room Phone #
Health Services Coordinator	564-5940
Asst. Health Services Coordinator	564-5947
Alternative Center for Education	564-6247
Beachland	564-3348
Citrus	978-8352
Dodgertown	564-4105
Fellsmere	564-5973
Gifford Middle	564-3570
Glendale	978-8053
Indian River Academy	564-3398
Liberty Magnet	564-5302
Osceola Magnet	564-5826
Oslo Middle	564-4025
Pelican Island	564-6499
Rosewood Magnet	564-3886
Sebastian	978-8259
Sebastian River Middle	564-5198
Sebastian River High	564-4282
Storm Grove Middle	564-6338
Treasure Coast	564-8502
Vero Beach	564-4554
Vero Beach High	564-5525
Vero Beach High-FLC	564-5712
Wabasso	978-8005

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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES



Healthy Kids Learn Better!

School Health Services

The School District of Indian River County employs a Health Assistant for each school campus who works under the direction of a Registered Nurse. The Health Assistant works to serve the students' health needs during school hours. Health room services include the following:

- Health room access for illnesses occurring at school/ First aid for injuries
- Assistance with medications
- State mandated health screening

If your child has a special health need, it is best to discuss it with the Health Assistant on campus. An individualized health plan or emergency plan, developed by a Registered Nurse, may be needed.

The Health Assistants primary responsibility at the school is to take care of the students. Some of their other responsibilities include:

- Teaching staff about student needs
- Gathering health information on students
- Calling parents
- Updating health records for students
- Making decisions in emergencies

The health rooms are not to be used for the treatments of illnesses/injuries that happened off school property. The Health Assistant cannot make a diagnosis or suggest that symptoms might be due to a certain disease. Please contact your healthcare provider to obtain a diagnosis for your child's condition.

Department of Health/Contract Providers

The Indian River County Health Department provides 3 Registered Nurses who work full-time and are currently assigned to various schools.

They assist the Coordinators of Health Services with providing support to Health Assistants.

Registered school nurses develop Individual Care Plans, and emergency action plans based on physician orders and with parent consultation for certain students.

Emergency Contact Information School Health/Wellness Form

Every student is required to have a School Health/Wellness Form in the health room (previously referred to as the Emergency Card or Emergency Form) this form not only includes emergency contact information but also includes important health information such as allergies and current medical diagnosis and conditions, along with the name of their health care provider. This form gives parental permission to share personal health information in cases of health and safety emergencies.

First Aid and Emergencies

All parents/guardians are responsible for updating their information with the school in case of a move or change in phone number. If the phone number is wrong in the school's database, school personnel will not be able to notify the parent/guardian in case of an emergency. In case of a serious accident or emergency, emergency services will be called and the school personnel will call the other numbers on the student's contact list to try to get in touch with the parents/guardians.

Communicable Disease Control

Florida Statute 1003.22 requires a physical exam and grade-specific immunization in order to attend schools in Florida. Temporary medical or permanent medical exemptions must be authorized by a medical provider on the required form. Religious exemptions can only be issued from the Health Department. A student will be excluded from school until compliance to these requirements are met.

Indian River County has a No-Nit policy concerning lice. Student are not permitted to remain in school with evidence of live lice or nits.

Children who are suspected of having a contagious disease will be excluded from school until a physician or medical practitioner has evaluated them. The student must bring a note from the medical practitioner when they return to school.

Students with Medication at School

Parents/guardians must talk with the Health Assistant when their child will be taking any medication at school. Parents/guardians can pick-up a Medication Procedures For Parents Handbook in the health room. The Parent Handbook has all the necessary forms that need to be completed before accepting your child's medications. Your school's Health Assistant will gladly review the Handbook with you and assist with answering any questions you may have. This Parent Handbook details the medication policies and procedures. The Parent Handbook may also be found on the SDIRC website under "Health Services".

Every medication must have a doctor's order and a Medication Permission Slip properly filled out in the health room. Medications must be in their original container, properly labeled and not expired. Student medications are given on campus only when the dosing schedule requires it to be given during school hours. No student shall have possession of, or consume any medication during school without these protocols being followed. The only exceptions are emergency inhalers, epinephrine auto-injectors, pancreatic enzymes, and/or diabetic monitoring/treatment supplies and medication when prescribed by a physician. These may be carried by a student if the student has a physician's order for the medication and the "Permission to Carry" form has been properly filled out and is on file in the health room.