



Nursing at Easterseals APS

Nursing is an integral part of our programming here at Easterseals. Our two full-time nurses are knowledgeable and caring in their work with each child at our school.

Please be sure to contact our nurses when your child has any changes in medical information including: a new doctor or specialist, new evaluation, a new procedure such as a surgery, any changes in medication, new information such as a new diagnosis, any changes in medical insurance, and any change in your medical insurance providers.

If your child ever needs to be hospitalized or treated at the Emergency Room for any reason, please send in a note from the doctor stating the reason for hospitalization and the date when your child is able to return to school and resume therapies. In the interest of safety, students may not return to school until this note has been received. Additionally, if there are any instructions from the doctor, please ensure that those are provided to our nursing department.

When your child is ill...

Please be cautious to keep your child at home when they are not feeling well. Children should not return to school until they have been without a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting (without aspirin or Tylenol) for 24 hours.

If your child appears to be developing an illness, for their health and the health of our other students and staff, it may be best to keep them home. Early symptoms of illness can include sleepiness, crankiness or excessive crying. Sick children cannot enjoy or benefit from our programming or therapies here at school. Please keep them at home to rest and recharge so they can be at their best when they return.

If your child does appear to be sick here at school, your classroom staff will request that our nurses monitor their symptoms. If the nurse determines that your child is unable to participate in programming for the day due to their symptoms, they will contact you to arrange to pick up your child.

Please be sure to keep your contact information updated with our transportation department. If we cannot reach you to come pick up your child, we will contact your emergency contact person to help make arrangements.

Medications

No medications may be administered without written permission. For any medications that need to be administered at school, please have your child's doctor provide a physician's

authorization form as well as written instructions and a demonstration to ensure our staff are trained properly. Parents must provide any supplies and materials necessary for medication administration. Medications must be sent in with a medication information form stating the name, dosage, time intervals and duration of any medication needing to be administered here at school. All prescription medications should be sent in in pharmacy labeled prescription bottles including the child's name, medication name, dosage strength, doctor's name, and pharmacy name.

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Private Duty Nurses

Some of our students may require a private duty nurse to attend school with them to ensure that they are safe and healthy. These nurses are expected to follow certain guidelines and policies in order for everyone to support your child as appropriate. Private duty nurses will be notified of the school expectations at the start of the school year. We also require that nurses provide documentation of their nursing license and required State clearances. Any substitute nurses provided by your nursing agency will also be expected to follow these same guidelines.

In order to ensure that all staff are working together and providing appropriate care to your child, we ask that you avoid relaying messages through your private duty nurse. While we understand the convenience, we value greatly the importance of open communication between parents and school staff. We ask that you please communicate to us directly, whether that be via the communication book, phone calls, or emails.

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