

NEW MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEW MILFORD, NEW JERSEY
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Accidents – Illness

The school nurse renders first aid according to the school physician's standing orders for injuries of an accidental nature occurring during school time. The type of injury will determine the final disposition of the case. Every effort will be made to contact parents immediately if the injury is severe. The school nurse is NOT to treat injuries occurring at home. However, the nurse must be notified if any of the following occur: **concussion, fractures, sutures and any surgical procedures or hospitalizations.** Also, please notify the nurse **in writing** when an injury requires crutches in school.

The school nurse cares for children who become ill in school until arrangements can be made for the parent or someone delegated by the parent to assume the responsibility. **It is in the child's best interest for parents/guardians to keep all emergency card information up to date. Persons listed on the card should be informed by the parent that they are on call.** The school nurse is NOT expected to transport or diagnose ill children. All communicable diseases are to be reported to the school nurse. These include **chickenpox, measles, German measles, mumps, strep throat, influenza, scarlet fever, whooping cough, polio, hepatitis, meningitis, 5th disease, pin worm, conjunctivitis/pink eye, lice, ringworm, and tuberculosis.** In addition to these, the following conditions should be reported to the nurse: **impetigo, poison ivy, croup, pneumonia, asthma, allergies, food poisoning, and mononucleosis.** In case of communicable disease, the student will be excluded from school. The school nurse will notify the Board of Health of all communicable disease.

Any child with a fever of 100 degrees or higher must be sent home. A child must remain **fever free** for 24 hours before returning to school. **Parents of absent children must call the school daily prior to 9:00am.** If a child's name appears on the absentee list and no call has been received, the school will call home or the workplace. When the child returns to school after any absence, a note explaining the cause of the absence should be given to the child's teacher. A written excuse signed by your physician is necessary if your child is not to participate in the physical education program.