

Nurse's Notes 2017-2018

Immunization Information

Ohio State Law O.R. C. 3701.13 requires that all students have a complete immunization record on file at the school, unless otherwise exempt. Please see the attached Ohio Department of Health Immunization Summary for requirements.

Middle School Immunization Requirements

Seventh Graders are required by state law to have a booster of Tdap (tetnus, diptheria, acellular pertussis) and one dose of meningococcal immunication (MCV4, Menveo or Menactra) upon entering school. **Record of your child's Tdap booster and meningococcal immunization should be turned into the school nurse before September___. If records are not received by this date, your child will be excluded from school beginning September _____ until compliance is reached.** Immunizations can be obtained at the Franklin County Public Health (www.myfcph.org/shots) or by calling 614-525-3719, your private physician's office, urgent care centers or minute clinics.

Illness

It is important that students are not sent to school if they have experienced a fever (100 F or above), vomiting, diarrhea and/or a persistent cough within the last 24 hours. It is advisable to keep your child home until the child is symptom-free for 24 hours without benefit of any medication. The school nurse or designee will contact you if your child is ill at school and needs to go home. Please keep your child's emergency contact information current.

Special Health Needs

Please contact your school nurse if your child has a special medical need or condition, or is taking daily medication. If your child has a severe allergy, seizures, asthma, diabetes, etc., or requires a special treatment at school, the nurse should be notified as soon as possible. Please inform the teacher and cafeteria manager of food allergies or any special diet restrictions.

CCS Food Allergy Policy

Keeping our students safe is of paramount importance to Columbus City Schools. The Columbus Board of Education has adopted a policy [[Policy 5161.3](#)] for accommodating students with known food allergies that reduces the likelihood of students being exposed to food items that could cause an allergic reaction at school.

PLEASE NOTE: No food shall be distributed by means other than the school breakfast/snack/lunch/vending program without prior approval by the building principal or principal designee. Parents and staff are encouraged to provide non-food

items such as pencils, erasers, stickers, games or bookmarks for classroom celebrations.

The prevalence of food allergies is on the rise in the U.S., now affecting 6 to 8 percent of all children and nearly 1 in 25 school-age children. For some people, an allergic reaction to a particular food may be uncomfortable but not severe. For others, an allergic food reaction can be frightening and even life-threatening. **If your child has a diagnosed food allergy, please make your school aware or contact [CCS Health, Family & Community Services Department](#) at 614-365-5824.**

Additional Resources About Food Allergies

[FDA: Food Allergens](#)

[The Mayo Clinic: Food Allergies](#)

[Taking Food Allergies Back to School](#)

[The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network](#)

Ohio Department of Education: Food Allergy Policy Requirements