

September 9,2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This has been a very unprecedented year to say the least!

On behalf of the nurses in the district I am reaching out to you to give you some directions on changes that are happening in the BASD Health Rooms.

- **Medication Drop off:** please obtain medication authorization papers on-line to take to your physicians to be completed. Once they are completed, make an appointment with your school nurse for drop off, either call or email for mutual time to receive medication and paperwork. Have the medication authorization and the medication in a labeled container to bring to the nurse. Parents will not be permitted into the building to drop off medication.
- **Amount of medication:** Please consider supplying no more than a month supply of medication in the health room at any given time. Should we need to close for any reason, you will not be short any medication.
- **Inhalers and Epi pens:** follow above directions. It is recommended that students who can self-carry their own medications (inhalers/EpiPen's) should do so, as long as we have the required paperwork on file for administration. This will enable the student to bring his/her medication back and forth to school. Should we be closed again for any reason, the student would have access to their medication. **It is not an expectation that your child will administer it by themselves, it is only to keep the medication in the hands of the user,** should we need to shut down school without notice. It will be the student's responsibility to make sure that the medication comes back and forth with them daily. If this arrangement is not conducive for your child, we can keep medication in the health room, but we will not make immediate concessions to return it to you should school be closed for any reason.
- **Nebulizer treatments:** Unfortunately, **due to Covid-19 we cannot administer any nebulizer treatments in the health rooms due to aerosolizing particles.** Should your child require a nebulizer, you will need to administer it at home.
- **Daily assessment of your child:** Just a reminder that you should be assessing daily your child's health status and monitoring for signs and symptoms of Covid-19. If you feel your child has been **exposed or if they have symptoms, please have them tested and do not send them to school.** This would include siblings as well from the same household, as they may be contagious as well.
- **Health Room:** If you child is exhibiting any of the symptoms of Covid-19, you will be notified to come and pick them up. It is our expectation that you will be at school in a relatively short period of time. Please understand that the symptoms of Covid-19 are like other illnesses, such as allergies/colds/flu/asthma. Therefore, children will be sent home for suspected symptoms.
- **Returning Paperwork:** Please return paperwork either with your child, or via email to the nurse at the building the child attends. You can scan, photograph, and email copies of all paperwork to us. All current state mandates are still in effect and will be required to be submitted.

We wish all of you a happy and healthy school year and are looking forward to seeing you back at school or virtually. If we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Your school nurse can be found by going to the BASD website, choosing the school the child attends, and go to health. The staff nurse and Certified School Nurse are listed there.