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New and Returning Students 2017-2018

The following **Health Care Procedures** are to help accomplish the goal of excellent health and safety of your child while in school and school related events.

If your child has a severe health problem, such as diabetes, asthma, epilepsy, severe allergies, heart condition or other serious health conditions which require doctor's orders, a health care plan or special medication to be administered, a meeting with the child's teacher(s), clinic assistant, and principal must be scheduled before the child can begin school.

ANY MEDICATION (prescription or over-the-counter) used for chronic problems, such as headaches or insect bites, **MUST** have a physician or authorized prescriber signature **AND** parent signature on file before the medication can be administered at school.

Short-term, over-the-counter medication, such as cough-drops and ointments, **MUST** have a parent or guardian signature on file, with amount to be given, time to be given and time needed between doses. Prescription medication **MUST** have a pharmacy label that matches orders.

A child may carry medication, such as, an **EMERGENCY ASTHMA INHALER or EPIPEN**, provided there is a doctor's order on file and proper procedure is followed. If certain medications need to be in the child's classroom (or with a coach), a duplicate medication needs to be in the school clinic as a backup. **Parents will need to provide both**. No other medication may be carried on the child, including over-the-counter medication, at school or school-related events.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Catholic School complies with the **State of Texas Immunization Requirements**. Up-to-date immunization records are required to be provided to the school before registration is complete. If immunizations were received during the summer, please send an updated copy of records to the school. See <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm>

Texas Law requires Vision, Hearing, Spinal and Texas Risk Assessment for type 2 Diabetes in Children (TRAT2DC) screening. If screening norms are not met, a referral to a physician will be made.

A student **TB Screening Questionnaire** or proof the child is under a doctor's care is required for all students.

A STUDENT WILL BE SENT HOME DUE TO ILLNESS. Exclusion and Readmission Guidelines are included (back of page) and may be kept for reference. A call home AND a letter will be sent home for any head injury, even the most minor. Some symptoms are not seen for 24-48 hours after an injury.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school clinic at any time.

Sincerely,
Drina Boutté
Amanda McKay, RN
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Dr. Phyliss Coleman
Principal

***** ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN *****
Please remember a student in possession of any medications except documented emergency inhalers and EpiPens is in violation of the school's discipline policy. Permission forms can be found on the school website under Health Information Tab.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

General Information about Communicable Disease

- ❑ Immunizations required by the Texas DSHS/Immunization Division to prevent communicable disease
- ❑ Students should remain at home when they exhibit the first symptoms of a disease
- ❑ When a student in school is suspected of having a communicable disease,¹¹ he/she should be separated from other students until he/she can be sent home

Guidelines for Excluding Students from School

Exclusion Guidelines	Return to School Guidelines
Oral temperature of 100° or above	Fever free for 24 hours
Vomiting, nausea or severe abdominal pain	Symptom free for 24 hours
Marked drowsiness or malaise	Symptom free
Sore throat, acute cold or persistent cough	Symptom free
Red, inflamed or discharging eyes	Written physician release
Wound, skin and soft tissue infections	Exclude until drainage is contained and covered with a clean dry bandage
Swollen glands around jaws, ears or neck	Written physician release
Suspected scabies or impetigo	Written physician release
Any skin lesion in the weeping stage	Covered and diagnosed as non-infectious
Earache	Symptom free
Pediculosis	Lice and nit free (Superintendents of the Catholic Schools in Texas support this implementation, effective March 2009 and reviewed January 2013)
Other symptoms suggestive of acute illness	Written physician release

¹¹ Communicable disease chart, Section 3, *References and Resources*