



# PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

## **SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES & REGULATIONS**

**School Health Services are provided by the school nurses for the purposes of:**

1. Care of emergency sickness or injury in school.
2. Communicable disease prevention and control.
3. Determination of health needs.
4. Follow-up and interpretation of health needs to pupils and parents.

**Parent cooperation is requested in the following situations:**

1. A doctor's note is needed when your child returns to school from an absence due to illness or injury. A gym note should also be obtained from the doctor if your child is unable to participate in physical education class because of the illness or injury. Another doctor's note is required to clear your child to safely return to gym class, recess, or afterschool physical activity.
2. Students returning requiring **medical equipment, such as crutches, wheelchair, cane, etc. must have a doctor's order for the equipment.** They will not be able to participate in any physical activity unless cleared by the doctor.
3. If your child is absent due to illness or injury, please call the school to inform us of the problem.
4. Changes in your child's medical condition, any medication changes, or any recent medical procedure should be brought to the attention of your child's school nurse. Your child's school nurse will coordinate care with your child's teacher as needed. **The school nurse should also be informed of medications your child takes at home.**
5. Your child should be kept home and the nurse should be contacted if he/she has contracted any communicable diseases: i.e., measles, mumps, strep throat, ringworm, chicken pox, pink eye, etc. A doctor's note to return to school will be required. Ringworm must be covered while at school.
6. If your child becomes ill or injured in school, you will be called to make arrangements for him/her to be picked up.

## **HEALTH REGULATIONS IN GENERAL**

1. Keep up-to-date home, work, and emergency telephone numbers filed in the Nurse's and main office. You, as the parent(s)/guardian(s) have the responsibility to keep these numbers current. The school has no place to care for your child for an extended length of time. We must have the name and telephone number of a friend, relative, neighbor, or baby sitter who would be able to care for your child until you return home. Please remember, you are responsible for your child's welfare 24 hours a day.
2. A child who has diarrhea or vomiting cannot be sent to school. A child who has been sent home due to **diarrhea or vomiting should remain at home the rest of that day and the following day or longer until symptom free.** Example - If a child is sent home sick on Wednesday, the student cannot return to school on Thursday, may return on Friday – only if they are no longer experiencing diarrhea/fever/vomiting and are symptom free.
3. A child who has a fever cannot be sent to school. A child sent home from school with a **fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or above) should not return to school until the temperature has been normal (less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit) for 24 hours without medication.** See above example.
4. Any child with a rash should not be sent to school until it has been determined not to be contagious by a health care provider in writing. A note is required for return to school.
5. **Students who have a doctor's note stating they cannot participate in gym, also cannot participate in recess or after school sports for the time frame specified on the doctor's note.**