



CARDINAL McCLOSKEY COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Health Policy

The Cardinal McCloskey Community Charter School (“CMCCS”) will make every effort to ensure the health and safety of all students. CMCCS partners with the Department of Health (“DOH”) to provide a school nurse to our students. We follow all regulations and procedures of the Department of Health and state law.

DOH regulations require that an updated immunization and physical form (including up-to-date shots) is provided by all students at the beginning of each school year and immediately after a student’s birthday for students in grades K and 1st. On June 13, 2019, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation removing non-medical exemptions from school vaccination requirements for children. CMCCS will not violate the law by allowing any child without vaccinations to attend school beyond 14 days. We will follow the new law and require every student to have completed and current vaccinations on record with no exceptions. All students who have not been immunized or exempted will be barred. Student immunization records will be verified prior to the start of school and guardians of students without the required immunizations will be given 14 days to comply.

CMCCS will immediately notify you if your child becomes sick or has an accident that requires medical attention. If your child is sent to the school nurse and it is determined that he/she has a fever, is contagious, or otherwise cannot remain in school for the remainder of the day, you will be contacted to pick up your child as soon as possible. If your child is injured during the school day, a supervising staff member will complete a Student Injury Report that will be kept on file at school. You may also request a copy of the report for your records.

It is important for CMCCS staff to know if your child has an ongoing medical issue that requires special attention. Please make sure that you notify CMCCS if your child has any allergies or requires medication to be administered on a regular basis or in the event of an emergency. This information will be relayed to your child’s teachers as well as the school nurse.

CMCCS is committed to providing the support necessary to students with asthma to ensure optimal health and safety during the school day and after school hours. CMCCS requires all families, staff and students to comply with the following asthma administration procedures.

- 1) Any CMCCS family that has a child with diagnosed asthma must submit an updated Medication Administration Form at the start of each school year. This form must indicate whether or not a child may self-administer asthma medication and must be signed by a medical professional. The Medication Administration Form will be kept on file in the nurse's office.

2) Any CMCCS family that has a child with diagnosed asthma must provide CMCCS with an asthma pump in its original packaging. CMCCS requests that families also provide a spacer and mask. Asthma pumps, spacers and masks will be stored in the nurse's office. CMCCS requires expired medication to be replaced immediately and for all medication to be labeled with the child's name and date prescribed.

In the case that a student has lice or other similar issues, the family affected will be notified immediately. Students found to have live head lice will be excluded from school and not allowed to return until they are lice-free. Students will be reexamined in 14 days to confirm that they have remained lice-free. Students with nits and no evidence of live head lice will not be excluded from school. If other families have the possibility of being affected, then CMCCS will send notification home.

Any questions or concerns about the school nurse should be directed to the Director of Operations.

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