

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if my child needs Tylenol at school?

****If parents would like for their child to have Tylenol or ibuprofen at school, then the parent/guardian may bring it to the school in the original bottle and fill out a Medication Administration Release Form. The medication will be kept locked in the nurse's office with the student's name on it for use at school. NO medication should be sent to school with the student. A parent or guardian must bring the medication to the school nurse or front office.**

****The Marion School District does not supply over the counter medications of any kind to dispense to students. Any medication that your child may need at school should be brought to the school nurse by a parent or guardian to be kept locked in the nursing office.**

What if my child is prescribed antibiotics or other short term medications by his/her doctor?

****If your child is prescribed an antibiotic or other short term medication by their doctor, it will be the parent's responsibility to give this medication at home. The only reason it will be given at school is if the prescription says it must be taken four times a day or more; or it is written by the physician for a specific time during the school day.**

What if my child has a medical condition such as asthma, seizures, diabetes, etc.?

****If your child has a medical condition such as asthma, seizures, diabetes, migraines, food/insect allergy, or other illness, you must have a care plan filled out by your child's physician at the beginning of each school year. The school nurse has the care plan forms available in the nurse's office.**

****If your child has asthma, the Marion School District requires that your child have an asthma inhaler at school at all times. The inhalers will be kept locked in the nurse's office, unless your child has a medication self-administration form filled out by their doctor. If so, they may carry their inhaler with them during school hours.**

****If your child has a food or stinging insect allergy, they will be required to have an Epi-Pen to be kept at school at all times, in case of an emergency.**

What if my child has peanut or other food allergies?

****If your child has a peanut, other food allergy, or an allergy to stinging insects, we will require that you have a care plan filled out and signed by your child's doctor. We will also require that they have an Epi-Pen at school at all times in case of an emergency.**

****There will be no food provided by the Marion School District cafeterias with peanut/nuts or foods manufactured on equipment that processes peanut and tree nuts. Accommodations can be provided for peanut allergy students. Please contact your school nurse if arrangements need to be made for a peanut free table in the cafeteria.**

What if my child has a contagious illness?

****Students who are sick with a contagious illness such as pink eye, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, open skin lesions, head lice, or conjunctivitis must not come to school. The students must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school, and /or a release back to school from the physician.**

****If your child becomes ill at school and/or has a fever of 100° or greater, they are considered contagious, and the school nurse will call to have you pick your child up from school. Your child may return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications.**

What if my child contracts head lice?

****If your child is found to have head lice, live bugs or nits at school, the school nurse will contact you and have you pick your child up from school. Your child will need to be taken home and treated and may return to school 24 hours after treatment. It is extremely important that ALL NITS ARE REMOVED and that all bedding, carpets, furniture, stuffed animals, etc. in the house be cleaned to prevent re-infestation. It is also important to check other members of the family and treat their hair as well.**

****When your child returns to school after the 24 hours after treatment, they will be examined by the school nurse to make sure all nits have been removed.**

****As a physician once shared with me, “It is not a shame to get head lice, it is a shame to keep it.”**

What if my telephone numbers change?

****If your telephone number changes, it is vital that you inform the school office immediately. If there is a medical emergency with your child, this is how the nurse will contact you. Please be sure to let the school know of any phone number or address changes as soon as possible. Also, please make sure to contact the school office if you move and provide them with your new address.**