

Letter to Kindergarten Parents Supporting Student Health Needs in the School Setting

As you prepare for your kindergarten student beginning school, the district Nursing Staff and Department of Health Services would like to welcome you and provide you the following information regarding routine health protocols used in the school setting:

- The school Clinic Aide is a trained paraprofessional at your school site and will help you with questions or concerns you may have about your student's health needs while attending school.
- The school Clinic Aide is not a nurse, but will assist you in contacting the district Registered Nurse assigned to your student's school as necessary for questions regarding significant health needs.
- Specific protocols and policies are followed in order to safely support student health needs in the school setting. Please contact the school Clinic Aide if your student requires support with medication administration, health procedures, or special needs during the school day.
- It is helpful to meet with your student's health provider before the start of school in order to review your student's health needs, medications, immunizations, and vision and hearing.
- Parents and the student's health provider will need to sign and complete district forms if your student requires medication administration, health procedures or support for special needs during the school day.
- **Immunizations are an important part of our children's health care and Colorado law requires that children going to school be vaccinated to prevent vaccine preventable disease. Current Immunization information is always available through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Immunization/index.html> .**
- Please plan to provide a copy of your student's immunization record, or a record of exemption, to the school. Please provide this information prior to the first day of school.