

Brownstown Central Community School Corporation

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In years past, the nursing staff of BCCSC has administered routine daily medications or treatments to your child. However, this year due to COVID-19, things look slightly different.

AM Routine Medications

We will be asking that if your child takes a morning medication every day that you keep these medications at home. Please incorporate administering this daily medication into your already hectic morning routine. We are trying to limit the amount of time healthy students spend in the health offices on a daily basis. We also want you to have these medications at home in the event the school experiences a temporary shut down. This may come quickly and we would prefer that you have your child's medication at home with you. As in previous years, if you would like to send in a few "back up" doses of medication (I would like to recommend no more than three doses), we would be happy to assist you on those rare occasions it gets omitted. (Believe me, we get it! We understand!)

Routine Noon Medications or Afternoon Medications

This may be a discussion with your child's primary medical provider. If you and the physician feel this dose is absolutely necessary, we will happily administer this medication as prescribed.

However, there may be other options available that will work as well for your child. Please have those discussions before sending medication to school. Depending on the number of medications, the nurse or a designee may administer the medications outside of the health office. Again, we would ask that you reserve some at home in the event school would close suddenly for a period of time. But just remember, we need the original medication bottle with a prescription label at school in order to administer. (We will not be able to administer medications sent in in baggies or other containers that are not labeled by a pharmacist).

Asthma

Current CDC Guidelines and Indiana State Department of Health Guidelines recommend that students who typically treat asthma/asthmatic bronchitis with a nebulizer treatments transition to inhalers with spacers and if necessary a mask on the end of the spacer. I was hopeful that I could procure hospital grade equipment that would allow BCCSC to administer nebulizer treatments to our students. However, even if we use that equipment, the room that we would administer the treatment in would be required to be closed for 2.5 hours. Due to the limited hours in a school day, that is something that is not going to be feasible at this time.

Diabetes or other Chronic Conditions

We will do our best to limit these students' time in our health clinics and still provide excellent nursing care.

Thank you for trusting us to partner with you and help manage your child's chronic health conditions at school.

Stay Healthy,
Joyce