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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. We are excited about the return to school whether it be in-person or remote learning. For all students, regardless of the location of your instructional program, some general NYS health requirements remain in place. The purpose of this letter is to provide information specific to health and wellness requirements and services connected to this school year.

1.) Immunization Requirements

All students, **regardless of whether participating in in-person or remote learning**, must have completed required immunizations. Please find the list of NYS Immunizations at: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf> Please review your child's immunizations to ensure all required immunizations are up to date in advance of returning to school.

All immunizations must be completed within the first 14 (calendar) days of school. Students without current immunizations are required by NYS to be excluded from school effective September 28th until the immunizations are completed. Please work with your child's primary care physician to schedule immunizations as needed. The County Health Department is also a resource for immunization information if you are not currently connected to a physician.

Requests for medical exemptions must be submitted on the NYS form with the required medical information completed for each requested exemption. A written letter from the parent/guardian confirming a previously approved medical exemption must be submitted each year to the school nurse.

2.) School Physicals

Primary Care Provider offices are open and scheduling appointments for well visits. Children's well visits are important and continue to be required by NYS for school age students. Health exams are required for all new entrants to a school and students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. Your child's health examination may be performed by your child's physician or at school. School health examination appointments can be made through your school nurse beginning September 14th. Required School Health physicals must be submitted within the first 30 (calendar) days of school. If health examination information is not received by October 14th, a school exam will be scheduled.

3.) School Health Services are Available

The district is continuing our partnership with Guthrie Cortland Medical Center. School Health Services are available one-half day per week in your child's school. Two half days of service are available at the JH and HS. The health services are provided by a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant. Their services go beyond what a school nurse provides. Consent must be provided in order for your child to access the service. A separate letter with a consent form is included with this letter. This year you may complete the form for multiple children. Please review, complete and return a signed consent if you want your child(ren) to have access to the expanded school health services. **I understand the JH school sent single consents home with student schedules. You may complete and return either form to your child's school nurse. If you complete a form for multiple children you may return the consent to any school nurse.

4.) Delivery of Medication Appointments

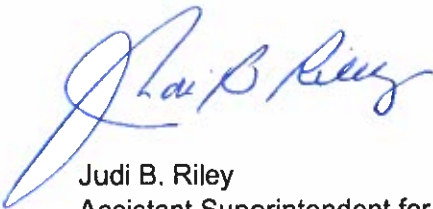
Please contact your school nurse September 8th - 11th to make an appointment to deliver medication if your child has medication that is dispensed at school. The medication must be delivered by a parent or guardian and cannot be sent to school with students. The district is limiting visitor access to schools. Therefore an appointment must be made directly with the school nurse who will direct you on the process specific to your child's school.

5.) Annual Screenings

NYS has waived the annual screening requirements for vision and hearing this school year. As a district we partner with outside agencies to conduct screenings. In response to the State waiver and limiting school access to non-essential individuals, we have made the decision to delay the screenings this Fall. We will re-evaluate mid-year and schedule as appropriate.

We are excited and hopeful for the school year ahead. Together, in partnership with parents and guardians, we will be best prepared to care for the health and wellness of students, faculty and staff. Please feel free to reach out to your child's principal, school nurse or to me if you have any questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,



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