



Health Services Information Letter

Students will not be allowed to enroll or participate in all activities until all health forms have been completed and returned to the Magnus Health. An annual physical exam is required and examination by a physician parent is not acceptable. An eye exam is required for all third-form students. Reports from your own physician and consultants are particularly valuable for follow-up care and should include pertinent results of laboratory and X-ray studies, recommendations for further testing, physiotherapy or rehabilitation programs. Documentation that a student has received vision, scoliosis and LEAD level screening must be documented on the physical examination form. **Failure to disclose important information may lead to serious consequences.**

IMMUNIZATIONS: If the student received any immunizations during vacation, please have your doctor document this in the Health and Immunization form. Students whose immunization status does not comply with the regulations will be required to have the necessary immunizations before attending classes.

All students are required to have had one dose of a quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine and a recent Tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine before entering school. In addition all sixth-formers who received a dose of meningococcal vaccine at or before the age of 15 are now required to have received a booster dose given on or after 16 years of age.

If there is doubt about prior Chickenpox disease a varicella Ig G titer must be obtained.

When a student receives an immunization at school, the parents will be informed.

ALLERGY VACCINES: If a student is required to get an allergy vaccine while in school, please contact the Health Center to discuss arrangements for this.

ANAPHYLAXIS: (Life-threatening allergic reactions) Students who have experienced anaphylactic reactions are required to have three (3) Epinephrine auto injectors prescribed for them. If these are not brought to school, they will be ordered through the Health Center. The student must carry one at all times. One will also be carried by their coach and one will be kept in the dormitory. The physician performing the physical examination must approve the use of an "EpiPen" in the Doctor Medication Permission form.

ASTHMA: If students have inhalers ordered, they must bring two to school or they will be ordered through the Health Center.

MEDICATIONS: Authorization to administer both prescription and non-prescription/over the counter medication is now required for all students. A practitioner qualified to prescribe medications shall sign the prescription medication form and a parent/guardian shall sign for a non-prescription medication. All medications brought to school are to be dispensed by the Health Center except as noted below and at the discretion of the Health Center staff. Since many physicians are not aware of the school's daily schedule, the School Physician may adjust the dose and schedule for the benefit of the student. **Medications mailed to the school should be addressed to the Health Center and not to the student.**

MEDICATIONS IN STUDENTS' ROOM: Upon receipt of the appropriate form (Parent Request to Allow Self-Administration of Medication) signed by a parent, and at the discretion of the Health Center staff, certain over-the-counter medications may be dispensed in small amounts and may be kept in students' rooms.

SCHEDULE II MEDICATIONS: Because of the potential for abuse or illegal handling, all Schedule II medications such as RITALIN, CONCERTA, FOCALIN, ADDERALL, DEXEDRINE, VYVANSE, or their generic equivalents must be kept in the Health Center. Stimulant medications delivered by transdermal patch systems are not permitted at St. George's School. Failure to observe this school rule or attempting to conceal or divert these medications may lead to disciplinary action.

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In order to ensure compliance, STRATTERA and **all psychotropic medications** must be kept in the Health Center. Imprecise orders such as “one or two tablets”, “two or three times a day”, “as needed” are not acceptable. Repeated non-compliance will be handled according to the policy detailed in “The Shield”.

State regulations require documentation of all medication prescribed for a student. Please complete and return the various forms related to the administration of medications at school.

CONFIDENTIALITY: While recognizing that parents have concerns about all aspects of student health, we are also faced with the issue of medical confidentiality between patient and health care providers. To this end, the Health Center staff is required to act with the utmost discretion in dealing with student health issues in addition to complying with HIPAA regulations. Knowing that students are often unaware of the risks and consequences of substance abuse or sexual activity, the Health Center staff will provide information, counseling, examination, and treatment of any student requesting help. Please be assured, however, that students will be encouraged to discuss these matters with their parents and to act in a responsible manner to avoid such serious consequences as alcoholism, drug addiction, pregnancy, abortion, and sexually transmitted diseases. On occasion, however, a student may wish to maintain complete confidentiality about a health issue and we will abide by Rhode Island law in this regard.

When a student attains the age of 18 years, he/she is considered to be legally competent to make health care decisions. Federal and State laws do not permit disclosure of confidential health information to anyone, including parents, without the student signing the appropriate release form.

DRUG TESTING: Students who are suspected of using alcohol or other illegal drugs may be subject to drug testing at the request of the Dean of Students, a parent, the Health Group, or as required as part of any disciplinary action or a medical evaluation. A Health Center charge will be applied.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL: Students who are contemplating overseas travel are urged to consult with their own physician well in advance so that recommended immunizations and health precautions can be discussed. Return travel plans should take into consideration the time needed to adjust to “jet lag” and permit resuming classes on schedule.

ImPACT TESTING: The school utilizes the ImPACT program to help assess a student’s return to classes and sports after a concussion. Whilst the advice of other physicians is welcomed, the final decision is made by the School Physician.

HEALTH CENTER: The Health Center has eight beds. Registered nurses are on duty 24 hours a day and sick call is usually at 7:45 a.m. Monday through Saturday and by arrangement on Sundays.

There is no charge for a student to use the Health Center. Dr. Wallace’s professional service fee will be sent to parents except for charges for students who are covered by the School Insurance plans A and B.

Parents may expect to be notified if a student remains in the Health Center with any significant illness or for a prolonged stay, and every effort will be made to contact parents to obtain specific permission for any emergency surgery.

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