

HEALTH SERVICES

Orchard Avenue has a Health Assistant at the school daily from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. A Registered Nurse is also available and shared with other elementary schools.

If your child becomes ill or injured at school, he/she will be cared for with simple first-aid. The parent/guardian will be notified if deemed necessary. The responsibility for further care rests with the parents/guardian or your family physician.



We ask that you not send your child to school if they have a temperature of **100 degrees** or above, have **vomited**, or had **diarrhea** within the **last 24 hours**. If your child contracts strep-throat, chicken pox, or any other contagious disease, please inform the school RN, Health Assistant, or office staff at once.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Orchard Avenue personnel are not allowed to administer medications to a student unless the medication is provided by the parent/guardian and the form "*Request for Medication to Be Given at School*" is completed and signed by the parent/guardian. This applies to over the counter and prescription medications. This also requires a physician signature for prescription medications to be administered. This form is available in the school office and at most physician's offices. **New forms must be completed each school year.**

All medications must be in the original container. Over the counter (non-prescription) medication must be **supplied by the parent / guardian and labeled with the student's name.** **Prescription medications** must be labeled by the pharmacist with student's name, name of the medication, doctor's name, and dosage instructions. If it is necessary to send liquid medication to school, please bring a dosage spoon with the medication. **Parents/guardians must bring and pick up all medications.** Unused medications must be picked up by the parent/guardian by the last day of school or it will be discarded.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Colorado State Board of Health requires immunizations compliance upon school entry. Immunization records for your child must indicate all required immunizations of DPT, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella, and Varicella

as well as three doses of Hepatitis B **before school entry**. Current immunization requirements are available in the school office, your physician's office, or Mesa County Health Department. See your health care provider or the Mesa County Health Department to update immunizations. Failure to comply may result in your student being suspended from school. Contact our school Registered Nurse if you would like to obtain a personal, religious or medical exemption. The school Registered Nurse can provide guidance in regard to compliance of the Colorado State Board of Health requirements.