



# Independence CHARTER SCHOOL

## School Nurse's Office

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Thank you for your patience as we work to be sure ICS has all the required paperwork in your children's ICS health records. We know that some of you have gotten many messages, due to the grades your children are in this year, regarding getting updated immunizations, health assessments and/or dental forms. Below is a summary of the **main functions for the ICS School Nurse's office.**

- 1) The ICS School Nurse will evaluate students who
  - have sustained any type of head injury **while at school** (if your child sustains a head injury at home or anywhere other than ICS, you need to seek medical attention from your child's physician)
  - are experiencing severe pain (i.e., abdominal, headache, etc)
  - have been vomiting while at school (if your child is vomiting while at home, please do not send him/her to school until you are certain your child is well)
  - are bleeding from an injury sustained at school (or on the school bus or traveling alone on SEPTA or on foot) or have a bloody nose
  - are exhibiting symptoms of a seizure, asthma attack, or allergic reaction

***Parents should not send their children to school with instructions to go directly to the nurse to have a condition checked. If you are concerned about a health issue before your child comes to school, please contact your child's physician.***

- 2) The ICS School Nurse will conduct health screenings as mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and/or the City of Philadelphia.
- 3) The ICS School Nurse will ensure that all ICS students have documentation of immunizations (or documentation of exemption), health and dental screenings as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and/or the City of Philadelphia.

**The ICS Nurse's Office is not a health clinic.** ICS has 790 students, which keeps the ICS nurse extremely busy with emergencies, mandatory screenings and paperwork requirements. Please also review this information with your children.

Attached is a permission form for the ICS school nurse to administer Tylenol/Advil to your child. **If you want to give permission for the school nurse to administer Tylenol/Advil, review and complete the form and return the original completed form to the ICS school nurse** (we will not be able to accept faxed or scanned permission forms). *If you do not want to give permission, you do not need to do anything.*

Please contact Nurse Sally ([nurse@icscharter.com](mailto:nurse@icscharter.com) or 215-238-8000 x2232) if you have any questions. Thank you.

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