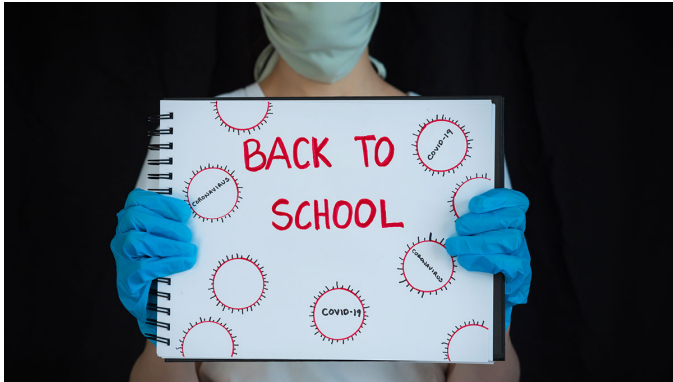


# Nurse's Notes

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We are all so glad to be back in school with your children! I thank you all for the patience you have shown and the flexibility as we deal with this unique school year. I thought I would share a few things with you as we get started.

## Immunizations

For all our new and returning students, we still require updated physical examination forms, updated immunizations and an annual dental examination form for each grade level. Please let me know if anything has changed that might impact their school experience - that way I can be sure to keep an extra eye out for them.

## Medications

If your child requires an epipen, or any other medication while at school, please send in the medication orders from your physician along with the signed forms allowing me to medicate the child - these can be found on the school website. PLEASE SEND ALL RECORDS IN ELECTRONICALLY. This helps reduce the paper flow between us all.

## New Information

This week the Rhode Island Department of Health set up an information hotline for students and staff in grades K -12. The hotline is open Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. After these hours call 211.

The hotline number is 222-8022.

To schedule a COVID-19 test, call 1-844-857-1814. This number is live 7 days a week from 7:30 am till 9:30 pm.

Please let us know if your child has gone for a test, and what the results are. Mitigating this virus in our school community is crucial to our children and staff.

Please remember to keep your child home if they exhibit any symptoms related to the coronavirus. If they develop any symptoms at school, we will bring your child to the isolation room, where they will wait for you to pick them up. If possible, I will wait outside with your child - it will be important that you pick them up as soon as possible. Then I will recommend that you call your pediatrician for further guidance. If they recommend a nasal swab test, we would need the results before allowing the child to come back into the building. For any illness, we will be providing a Return to School from Illness form, which needs to be filed out prior to the child coming back to school.

## Flu Clinic

I am pleased to be able to offer our parents, students and faculty the opportunity to get their flu shots at either one of our flu clinics this year. The dates are October 5, 2020 and December 1, 2020. The times for both clinics will be from 8am until 10am, and it will be held at St. Joseph's Hall - we will bring the children over by appointment. All registrations must be done online in advance - we are unable to offer walk in appointments with this pandemic. We are strictly following protocol for this, and will not be able to take last minute registrations. Keep these dates in mind - more details on how to register soon!

This truly is a unique experience, but with all of us working together we can hopefully manage this well and serve as examples to our children!

As always, if I can be of any help to you, feel free to email me at [mhabershaw@iccatholicsschool.org](mailto:mhabershaw@iccatholicsschool.org) Take care!