

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to Liberty Common School! To help us ensure a smooth start for your student, the state of Colorado requires all students entering a Colorado school for the first time have the following immunizations:

**5 DTap/Td/DTP: Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (4 is acceptable if 4<sup>th</sup> is given after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)**

**1 Tdap: Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (required for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)**

**4 IPV/OPV: Polio (3 is acceptable if given between 11-15 years)**

**2 MMR: Measles, mumps, rubella**

**Varicella: 1 vaccine is required for grades 8-12, 2 vaccines are required for grades K-7,**

**-or- documentation on medical record of history of disease or lab confirmation.**

Personal or religious exemptions require a parent or guardian signature on the back of the Colorado immunization card. Medical exemption requires a physician signature. Without proof of current immunizations, your child may not start school. Please contact your child's health care provider to obtain records if needed. If there are immunizations that are lacking, you will be advised as to what your child needs to be up-to-date.

### **Health Concerns**

Your child is unique. Please give us details about any health concerns that your child may have so we may be of assistance to your child at school. The school nurse consultant, in communication with the school health tech, will review any information you provide and a Health Care Plan may be developed. If you need to get in touch with the school nurse regarding a health plan, you may e-mail her at [ndybzinski@libertycommon.org](mailto:ndybzinski@libertycommon.org)

### **Role of the Health Office**

Our goal is to keep students healthy and learning in class, therefore the school health office is intended to be a liaison between home and class. If students are well, our goal is to get them back to class and learning. If they are ill, we want them home and resting, and not exposing other students. The school nurse (RN) visits each campus two hours per week and supervises the delegated health tech, who is in the health office, cares for the students, and gives medication the majority of the week. The school nurse and health tech are not licensed to diagnose.

### **Medication at School**

All medication given at school, whether doctor prescribed or over-the-counter (including cough drops) **must be accompanied by our standard medication permission form** (available in the school health office), signed by both the parent/guardian and the physician. **Medication must be provided and brought to school by the parent, in the original prescription bottle or over-the-counter container.** If medication changes or medication is discontinued during the school year, please have the child's doctor fax the new or correct orders. Asthma inhalers or medication to treat severe allergic reactions may be carried by the student as long as this is agreed upon by the child's health care provider, parent, and school nurse, and a health care plan is in effect. Authorization for medication administration MUST BE COMPLETED YEARLY and health care plans updated annually.

### **Phone numbers**

It is important that we have your home and work numbers, as well as emergency contact (s) and phone number(s). Should your child become ill or hurt while at school, we MUST be able to reach you. If changes occur during the school year, please notify the front office.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need addition information, please call.

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