

Note from the Health Office

August 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the start of the 2022-2023 school year right around the corner, I would like to take this opportunity to review school health requirements with you.

The New York State Education Law (NYSEL) requires that every student attending school have a physical examination in grades **Kindergarten, First, Third and Fifth as well as all new entrants**. Your child's physical must be performed within the last 12 months from the start of school (September 2021 – September 2022). All health examinations should be turned into the Amagansett School Health Office.

Your child has an immunization record on file in the Health Office. If current records indicate that your child's immunization records do not meet New York State Immunization Requirements for their grade, you will be contacted by the Health Office. For those children who are uninsured or underinsured, free immunizations are offered through the Suffolk County Department of Health (SCDH). For the closest SCDH Immunization Clinic, please call 631-854-0222. If you require assistance with obtaining health care insurance or dental care for your child, you may contact the East Hampton Health Care Foundation Advocacy Department at 631-329-2425 for assistance.

If your child requires **any medication** during school hours, please bring in a completed Medication Administration Form signed by your child's physician. The parents or guardians of a child requiring daily or as needed medication during school hours are asked to deliver a completed Medication Administration Form and the prescribed medication to the Amagansett School Health Office on the first day of school. **No medication should be sent to school with a child.**

New York State Education Law has expanded health screening for the mandated years (Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First, Third and Fifth Grade, as well as new entrants) to include the dental health of students. This means that we will now be requesting that your child's dentist complete a Dental Certificate for an examination performed within the last year (September 2021 - September 2022). If needed, you may receive a list of Dental Providers for provision of free or reduced fee screening from the Amagansett School Health Office.

An Amagansett School Physical Form, Dental Health Certificate and BMI Permission Slip were mailed home to students in the mandated grades (Kindergarten, First, Third and Fifth) in early July. These forms may also be obtained on our website www.aufsd.org or by contacting the Amagansett School Health Office at 631-267-3572.

This is a reminder of Amagansett Union Free School District Procedures that are in effect:

- If your child has a fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, please keep them home.
- If your child has vomited either at home or at school, he /she must remain home the next day.
- If your child has a heavy cold with a cough, running nose, sore throat, or an earache, **please** keep them home. There is close contact in school and an ill child will spread this illness to classmates and staff.
- When your child is going to be absent, please call the Health Office (631-267-3572 Ext.221) before 8:10 A.M.

For your convenience, I have attached a copy of the following forms:

- Amagansett School Medication Administration Form to be completed by the child's physician and returned to the Amagansett Health Office if your child needs medication during school hours.
- Amagansett School Medication Request/Permission Form to be completed by the parent/guardian and returned to the Amagansett School Health Office if your child has orders for medication.
- Amagansett School Annual Medical Update to be completed by the parent/guardian for each child enrolled and returned to the Amagansett School Health Office.

We will keep you updated on the latest school protocols for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as we receive them from New York State Department of Health.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Looking forward to a happy and healthy school year! If you have any questions or I can be of assistance in any way, please contact me at 631-267-3572, ex. 221.

Yours truly,

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