

BRANCHBURG SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION JANUARY 2016

Branchburg Township Schools is committed to a comprehensive and inclusive school health program and services which supports academic learning and personal growth for all students. Our district prides itself in providing certified school nurses in every school building. If your child is ill and/or injured during the school day, the school nurse(s) will act in the best interest of your child and notify you as needed. If the illness or injury is deemed serious and/or life threatening, 911 will be called first and then you will be notified.

Every effort will be made to contact you. In the event that you are not able to be reached immediately your child will be transferred to the nearest hospital for definitive care. A school employee will accompany your child in the ambulance.

Branchburg Township Schools also offers many extracurricular programs, such as clubs, interscholastic and intramural sports both before and after school. The school nurses are generally not present for these programs.

All coaches and club advisors, principals and vice-principals are trained in CPR/AED and have volunteered to act as delegates for students with known severe allergies which could lead to anaphylaxis. Furthermore, New Jersey has mandated that these trained employees may act in good faith and administer an Epipen to an undiagnosed student who displays signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis. Epipens are now located near all AEDs in the school buildings and in some cafeterias.

Branchburg will continue its efforts in health and safety education by offering a first aid educational review to all employees each year starting in the coming school year.

Should your child experience illness or injury anytime while on the school campus for a school sponsored event you may reach out to the school nurse in your child's building for further information. The school nurse will then direct you to the appropriate administrators as needed.

If a serious incident has occurred which affects your child's health and safety you will often receive an outreach phone call from your child's principal/vice principal soon after the incident.

The school nurses, administrators and all staff remain committed to a healthy and safe environment for all students and staff in our Branchburg School Community.