

## 2019 School Health Update May 2019

- 1) Welcome to William “Bill” Deemer RN
  - a. Bill is now the school health nurse consultant for the NW and SW districts
  - b. Bill’s email is [wdeemer@pa.gov](mailto:wdeemer@pa.gov)
  - c. Bills’ phone number is 724-830-2701
    - i. If you get a voicemail, please leave a detailed message and it will be forwarded to Bill
      1. Please do not leave non-school health related questions/messages. (This applies to questions/messages to all Division of School Health staff)
      2. See #9 for contact information for non-school health related questions
- 2) Mylan reports they have resumed accepting “EpiPen 4 Schools” order requests
  - a. Website: <https://www.epipen4schools.com/Register/>
  - b. Phone: 973-845-7600
  - c. Email: [info@bioridgepharma.com](mailto:info@bioridgepharma.com)
- 3) Continuous Glucose Monitoring
  - a. It is not the nurse’s responsibility to monitor a student’s glucose level continuously
    - i. The monitoring frequency during school hours should be ordered by the student’s provider not by the parent
    - ii. It is recommended that a nurse’s personal phone not be used due to violating Protected Health Information
  - b. Confirm out of range levels via a manual blood sampling in case the monitor is malfunctioning
- 4) Blood Borne Pathogen (BBP) Exposure Plans
  - a. Act 96, The Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Act, was put into legislation to provide guidance to public employees who may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens, especially sharps injuries, as a result of their job duties
  - b. Schools are to have a BBP exposure plan in place which is to be followed in the event of body fluid exposure
  - c. Information and the guidelines on BBP are located on the Division of School Health’s Environmental Issues webpage at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/Environmental.aspx>
  - d. The Emergency Guidelines are located at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/All-Hazard-Planning-Toolkit.aspx>
- 5) The Physical and Dental exam forms on the Division’s website are now ADA compliant and can be read by a screen reader
  - a. Schools may download the forms to their website
  - b. <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/Physical-Exams.aspx>
  - c. <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/Dental-Health.aspx>
- 6) Child Abuse Education and Training ([Act 31 of 2014](#))
  - a. Child abuse training is required every 2 years for RN license renewal
    - i. The training can be taken any time prior to the license renewal date, and nurses are encouraged to complete it well before the deadline to prevent the possibility of having an inactive license. All Act 31 approved training entities provide a certificate of completion and will submit required information on those who have completed the training to the Department of State. This information is then accessible to the various licensing boards.
  - b. The list of approved trainings is located at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/Abuse.aspx>
    - i. The PA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) program offers a free three-hour live training geared specifically to school nurses. It is presented on-site by a physician and a local Children & Youth worker. Each participant receives a Child Abuse Office Kit including tip sheets on planning ahead, making a report, handling angry parents and establishing a district-wide protocol. It takes an in-depth view of Pennsylvania law, risk factors, abusive vs. accidental injuries, the implications of truancy, reporting procedures and what to expect after a report is made
      1. There must be a **minimum of 15 participants** and the presentation is **only for school nurses**
      2. To submit a presentation request, go to <http://www.pascan.org/>
      3. Any questions can be directed to Teresa Olsen, Program Director at the PA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics at [tolsen@paaap.org](mailto:tolsen@paaap.org)
- 7) School health statistics by county up to the 2016-17 school year have been posted to the website
  - a. <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/Statistics.aspx>

- b. We may not post or provide statistical data at the school district level for public view
- 8) School Health Inquiries
- a. We strive to make the website a valuable resource
    - i. Answers to many questions can be found on the website
  - b. Please do not send the same question/message multiple times or to multiple school health staff
  - c. School Health may not provide legal, personnel/contractual issues or financial advice
- 9) Non-School Health questions should be directed to the appropriate entities
- a. Immunizations
    - i. <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/School.aspx>
    - ii. Contact your local State Health Center or your Immunization Nurse Consultant
    - iii. To order immunization materials <https://nws.pennsylvania.egov.com/forms/doh/immunizationmaterials>
  - b. Communicable and Vaccine Preventable Disease questions
    - i. Contact your local State Health Center or County Health Department
  - c. Dept of Education
    - i. <https://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
    - ii. <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Pages/default.aspx> (for certification questions)
  - d. Board of Nursing
    - i. <https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/default.aspx>
  - e. Department of Human Services (Medical and or cash assistance, School Based Access Program...)
    - i. <http://dhs.pa.gov/>
  - f. Medical Marijuana
    - i. <https://www.pa.gov/guides/pennsylvania-medical-marijuana-program/>
    - ii. <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Medical%20Marijuana/Pages/Medical%20Marijuana.aspx>
    - iii. Email questions to: [RA-DHMedMarijuana@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHMedMarijuana@pa.gov)
- 10) School Health Annual Reimbursement Request System (SHARRS) <https://apps.health.pa.gov/SHARRS/Login.aspx>
- a. The SHARRS report must be **submitted** by the **Superintendent/CEO** no later than **September 30** of each year
  - b. Schools that do not submit the report timely may forfeit their reimbursement per the Public School Code of 1949
    - a. 2505.1 (b) ...Reimbursement on account of health services rendered by a school district or joint school board may be withheld by the Secretary of Health unless the actual expenditures for the health services are certified to the Secretary of Health within three months after the end of the school year...
  - c. When submitting the SHARRS report the license numbers, PPID , expiration dates for Nurses, Doctors and Dentists must be correct or the report will be disapproved and returned to the school for correction. We are receiving a good amount of reports with inaccurate personnel information. This prolongs the processing time thus prolonging the receipt of reimbursement
  - d. When a Superintendent/CEO is no longer at a school their user account **must be inactivated by the User Account Manager (UAM) and the new person must set up a user account.** Chapters 1-3 of the instructions
    - i. The new superintendent or other staff may not use the old superintendent's account to submit the report
  - e. SHARRS opens for data entry on **May 15 and closes on September 30**
    - ii. If applicable to a school - the **Dental Hygiene Services Program (DHSP) Authorization Plan** must be entered and submitted between **April 1 and April 30** prior to the opening of SHARRS or the school will revert to a mandated dental program; which cannot be changed afterwards due to SHARRS programming requirements
      - 1. See the February 2019 school health update for specific details on the requirements for a DHSP <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/school/Pages/Updates.aspx>
      - 2. A school is still required to have a school dentist when they are an approved DHSP
  - f. There is a link to the SHARRS "Instruction Manual" on every page for further guidance
  - g. Timely submission is essential as the reports are used to gather statistical data for State and Federal government reports, grant applications, educational and research studies
  - h. It is strongly recommended that a Certified School Nurse (CSN) review the SHARRS report before submission.
    - iii. Erroneous data entry causes inaccurate statistics
    - iv. Non-medical personnel may not recognize medical data errors
    - v. For example, several schools reported giving hundreds and thousands of doses of Narcan. If a CSN had reviewed the report this statistical error may have been avoided