



CCS Health Protocol: Caring for Students that Fall Ill on the School Campus

Illness is a typical and common occurrence throughout the year for many. While Cambridge Christian School expects any individual feeling unwell to stay home, occasionally a person's health may take a turn for the worse during the course of the school day. The CCS school nurse and all CCS teachers will work together in constant communication and collaboration to ensure each person receives the compassionate and skilled care that they deserve. Teachers will receive instruction on how to recognize a mild medical problem from a moderate/severe illness, how to handle a medical emergency and how to coordinate their students' needs with the nurse. This year, specialized COVID-19 training will be provided to the staff as well.

When a student is in need of medical attention and shows NO signs of severe illness...

Headaches, allergic reactions, heat exhaustion/dehydration, bug bites, cuts, sprains and strains are just a few of the medical needs that can come up during the year. Initially, the teacher will evaluate the medical situation with which the student is presenting. Based on their training, the teacher will notify the school office that the nurse is needed to provide care. They will also communicate the location of the medical need. The nurse will personally meet with the student and further assess the situation. If it is confirmed that the student does not pose a risk of an infectious nature, the student will go to the Well Clinic for further medical care and treatment. The Upper School Well Clinic is in the same location as the former Upper School clinic. The Lower School Well Clinic is also in the same location as the former Lower School clinic. The purpose of these Well Clinics is to provide a clean medical location to bandage injuries/wounds, dispense prescribed/routine medications and handle medical issues of a non-infectious nature. Parents will receive documentation of their child's visit as communicated by the school nurse.

**Please note, as of the 2020-21 school year, nebulizer treatments are no longer allowed on campus. These therapies are now considered "aerosolized procedures" and cannot be performed outside of a negative pressure room due to new COVID-19 standards. However, inhalers, rescue inhalers and accompanying aerochambers are permitted in school. **

When a student is in need of medical attention and shows signs of severe illness...

If, during the course of the school day, a student exhibits any of the following symptoms, the teacher will call the school office immediately to notify the nurse that prompt evaluation is needed and where the location of that need is. Any student that has...

- Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Abdominal/Stomach pains that are not alleviated by going to the bathroom, resting, having a snack or a drink of water (this is often how COVID-19 initially present in children)
- Fever (greater than 100 F orally or 100.4 F temporally)
- Generalized splotchy rash or reddened/purple fingers or toes
- Complaint of severe fatigue or painful, generalized muscle aches
- Chills
- Persistent and pervasive dry cough that gets worse throughout the day
- Increasingly sore throat that prevents the student from drinking or eating

- General appearance of not feeling well or being sick

... will need to be further evaluated at the CCS Sick Clinic. This designated stand-alone area will be located in the former Clothes Closet. The purpose of the Sick Clinic is to provide a quiet place for the unwell student to be medically evaluated while limiting exposure to other students and staff. It is also a restful location for the child while waiting for family to come pick him/her up. The school nurse will also be wearing proper personal protective equipment (PPE). This includes a mask, a face shield, and gloves. Parents are expected to provide the school with viable contact numbers where they can be reached in the case of an emergency. As only one ill student can reside at a time in the Sick Clinic, it is imperative the student is taken home no later than one hour from the time the parents are notified of their illness. The Sick Clinic will be cleaned and sanitized by the school nurse as per CDC standards after each use. Parents will receive documentation of their child's visit as communicated by the school nurse as well as a follow-up phone call.