

# Healthier Communities School Health Program

Healthy, Safe and Ready to Learn





## Objective

To improve educational outcomes by reducing student absenteeism through nursing resources that manage acute illness, injury and chronic health conditions. Short- and medium-term goals target chronic absenteeism and reading readiness. Long-term goals include improving rates of graduation, workplace readiness and college entry.

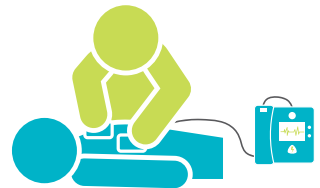
## Program Service Model\*



Registered nurses (RN) educate and train school personnel (building support staff, paraprofessionals, teachers, administrators, etc.) who provide daily direct services to students. Dependent upon location and need, consultative access to an RN may occur on-site, by phone and/or through virtual connectivity (Spectrum Health MedNow).

Through this model, the following support may also be provided:

- Identifying, prioritizing and assisting school administrators with critical health and safety issues
  - Individualized Health Plans (IHPs)
  - Emergency Action Plans (EAPs)
  - Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
  - 504 Plans
- Facilitate staff education and training
  - Chronic conditions in schools
  - Medical emergency response team (CPR/AED)
  - First Aid
  - Medication administration



Additionally, the School Health Program consultants may conduct policy revision and ensure district compliance with state mandates. They can provide consulting services in person or virtually, as needed.

Schools enrolled in this program have access to administrative health program support, data collection and outcome measurements. Staff wellness initiatives can also be facilitated through the program.

\*There is a direct care service model that can be put in place, if fully funded by the school district.



## Virtual Support for Students at School

When a student gets sick, injured or has chronic health care needs at school, it can be stressful, especially if medical treatment is not directly available. With the school health program and use of Spectrum Health MedNow technology, the student can be seen by an RN via video visit for rashes, minor injuries or even the flu. This service provides safety, increases access and provides a real-time visit with a nurse using a webcam.

### How it Works

Video visits will be used in all necessary situations. A member of the school will guide students through the technology using a private, secure video connection to a nurse located offsite.

By talking to the student and seeing their condition via video, the nurse will be able to determine a plan of care. Once the visit is finished, the information will be entered into the electronic student record and if needed, a parent or guardian will be contacted.

### Most commonly treated conditions

- Asthma
- Allergies
- Acute illness/injury
- Diabetes
- Eye irritations
- Insect bites
- Rashes
- Minor cuts/wounds
- Medication compliance





## Why Choose the School Health Program?

- Data driven programming
- Impact metrics are collected and shared with individual districts
- Award-winning program with more than 20 years of experience providing health services in schools
- Access to guidelines, resources, training and experienced health providers for support
- Assistance with identifying and prioritizing the most critical health and safety issues
- Reduced absences allowing students to stay at school and improve educational outcomes
- Timely care for child safety
- Increased access to a school nurse



## Impact

- Provide access to nearly 30,000 students in West Michigan
- Fiscal year 2017 included 2,710 interactions between health providers, students and staff
- During the first semester of the 2017-18 school year, the following number of trainings were completed:



**56 staff**  
medication  
administration



**80 staff**  
chronic disease



**14 sessions**  
emergency  
response

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