



Government of the District of Columbia

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Re: School Health Services Program Clinical Nursing Allocation

Date: December 19, 2016

To: District of Columbia Public and Public Charter School Parents/Guardians

As a follow up to our letter issued in September, we want to provide additional updates on the School Health Services Program in District of Columbia Public Schools and Public Charter Schools, a program overseen by the District of Columbia Department of Health. School nurse schedules were provided to all school leaders earlier in December and can be viewed at <http://doh.dc.gov/service/school-nurses>. Schools will *not* have a reduction in hours this school year based on recent legislation. However, the hours of nursing coverage depend on the availability of licensed nurses and changing needs of schools.

Recruitment of nurses is ongoing and can be a challenge due to the current supply of school nurses and the steps involved to ensure proper orientation to the school environment and to a particular school community. Schools with nursing vacancies will receive updates during the recruitment process including information on which nurse is assigned to your school and the weekly schedule from the Children's School Services Nurse Manager. We are committed to ensuring that qualified professionals deliver school health services in public and public charter schools in the District.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of turning in health forms for your student. The health information you provide helps the Department of Health properly meet the medical needs of your student and helps staff each school as needed.

Universal Health Certificate:

<http://doh.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/DOHDC%20Unversal%20Health%20Certificate.pdf>

Oral Health Assessment:

<http://doh.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/DOH%20DC%20Oral%20Health%20Certificate.pdf>

Your child's health and well-being are incredibly important to us. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Department of Health at shs.program@dc.gov or call 202-442-9411. Additional information will be made available on the OSSE and DOH websites (osse.dc.gov and doh.dc.gov).