



Roles and Recommended Interface between the Credentialed School Nurse and School-Based Health Center or Wellness Center (SBHC/WC)

Issue	School Policies and Role of School Nurse	Interface with SBHC/WC
<p>Immunizations required for school entry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialed School nurses help assess compliance with California School Immunization laws among students entering and advancing in school. • Schools are required to document student compliance with immunization law during a written immunization record, presented to the school and transcribed into the Student Information System and student health record (Welligent). See Bulletin 1660.4 • Credentialed School Nurses (e.g., Communicable Disease [CD] and CHDP nurses) can administer immunizations. All immunizations administered by school nurses are entered into the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC providers can administer immunizations. • Many students who receive care at a SBHC/WC will qualify for free immunizations under the Vaccines for Children Program. • Certain federal and county requirements must be met for vaccine storage and handling. • Schools and Credentialed School Nurses should work with SBHC/WC staff to determine the best method of sharing immunization information (e.g., students carry immunization record or via CAIR).
<p>Physical examinations of students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialed School nurses may perform physical exams for all students at a school for purposes of mandated screening, communicable disease exclusion, and assessing other health barriers to learning. • General nursing practice prevents the nurse from diagnosis and initiating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC providers perform physical exams, diagnose a condition or disease, and initiate treatment • Most physical exams of students (<18 years old) require parent/guardian consent for care. Minor consent is an <i>exception</i>. • Once a diagnosis is made and treatment initiated HIPAA-compliant communication with the school/ Credentialed School Nurse should occur,



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	<p>treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/guardians may opt out of physical exams at school through a written statement • Other physical exams performed with parental consent are discussed below 	<p>as agreed upon.</p>
<p>Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) exams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive physical (CHDP) exam is required at Kindergarten or 1st grade. See Bulletin 2514. • A CHDP exam is recommended for all newly enrolled students in LAUSD • The Credentialed School Nurse helps assess compliance with the CHDP exam requirement • LAUSD nurse practitioners and physicians may provide the CHDP exam at school or in a SBHC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC providers can perform CHDP exams. • Information regarding the exam findings should be communicated with the Credentialed School Nurse, generally on the California “Report of Health Examination for School Entry” (PM 171) or other HIPAA-compliant method.
<p>Athletic pre-participation exams (PPE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All competitive high school athletes and some auxiliary units (marching band, cheerleaders, etc.) require an annual physical exam and clearance. See Bulletin 4948.1. • Credentialed School Nurses review all PPEs and compare the provider’s findings to the school health record • Credentialed School Nurses clear students to participate • LAUSD nurse practitioners and physicians may provide PPEs at school or in a SBHC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC providers can perform PPE exams. • Information regarding the exam findings and clearance should be communicated with the Credentialed School Nurse, generally on the District’s PPE form



<p>Mandated screenings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialed School Nurses plan and perform vision screening in Kindergarten, 2nd, 5th, and 8th grades; special education referrals and by teacher or parent requests. Male students are also screened once for color vision using the Pseudo-Isochromatic Plates. • Scoliosis screening for 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys • Hearing screening occurs in Kindergarten, 2nd, 5th, and 8th grades; special education referrals and by teacher or parent requests by LAUSD audiometrists. • Other screenings include but are not limited to height, weight, and oral health assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC providers can help address a deficiency found on screening exam. • Referrals to the SBHC may be optimized through effective communication channels and methods of sharing screening information with the SBHC (e.g., through a FERPA-compliant release of information).
<p>Communicable disease (CD) and illness exclusion and readmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialed School Nurses assess and may temporarily exclude students from school, based on evidence of a communicable disease • Guidance is provided in Bulletin 1645 and 1937 and Communicable Disease Reference Guide • Credentialed School Nurses readmit students to school after resolution of communicable disease, initiation of appropriate treatment, or with medical clearance. • LAUSD has a team of CD nurses who investigate disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC providers can help address communicable disease through diagnosis and appropriate treatment. • Readmission to school may be facilitated with appropriate medical clearance communicated to the school and school nurse. • If there is a concern regarding communicable disease spread within a school, the SBHC/WC provider should contact the school nurse or administrator • Providers are responsible for communicating with the Department of Public Health any reportable diseases (per Title 17, CCR 2500)



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	<p>outbreaks, and conduct regular immunization clinics throughout the District to help prevent disease</p>	
<p>Care for injured students, emergency care and transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialed School Nurses evaluate injuries and provide first aid or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) • Most secondary campuses have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) • Nursing assessment helps determine triage: return to class, rest and recovery at home, or seek immediate medical care • Credentialed School Nurses may be designated to accompany students to emergency room • The school district has parental consent for emergency treatment on file. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC providers can provide immediate first aid and assistance to students who are seen in the health center • Emergency services are generally not in the scope of a SBHC/WC • If a SBHC/WC calls an ambulance/Emergency Medical System for care and transport of a student, they should immediately notify the school administrator and the Credentialed School Nurse.
<p>Administration and assistance with medication at school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialed School Nurses accept written orders for medication (prescription or over-the-counter [OTC]) to be administered during school hours. See Bulletin 3878.2 – “Assisting Students With Prescribed Medication at School” • Credentialed School Nurses train unlicensed school staff to assist students with medications • Certain emergency medications may be administered by unlicensed trained staff • Certain medications (e.g., Albuterol MDIs), may be carried 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC providers can prescribe medication for acute illness and chronic diseases. • Some SBHC/WCs dispense prescription and OTC medications • A licensed health care provider’s signature is required on the form for medication to be administered during school hours. See form in Bulletin 3878.2 – “Assisting Students With Pre-scribed Medication at School”



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	<p>by students for use with prior authorization from the provider, parent and school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Credentialed School Nurse does not prescribe or dispense medication. 	
<p>Condom Availability Program (CAP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each high school in LAUSD has a CAP. See Reference Guide 5010.1 • The Credentialed School Nurse plays an important role in leading the CAP team and/or assisting students in accessing needed resources • Annual Notification to parents about the CAP is through the <i>Parent Student Handbook</i> • Parents can opt out with a written statement presented to the school and recorded in the Secondary Student Information System (SSIS) • The CAP procedures apply to LAUSD staff working in their educational role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC providers can provide condoms and other confidential, sexual and reproductive health care to students, as allowable by law (e.g., 12 years and older) • SBHC/WC should coordinate with school personnel on the CAP team to understand respective roles in making condoms available to students • The CAP procedures (parent notification and opt out) do not apply to SBHC staff
<p>Special Education Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and 504 Plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialed School Nurses are participants and assessors for the IEP of students with special needs • The school nurse records all relevant health information on Welligent Health Manager • The school nurse participates in 504 plan development for students who require accommodations due to a health condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBHC/WC may serve as the medical home for students with special needs • Medical homes coordinate care for students with special needs, including assistance in accessing appropriate specialty care, medication and equipment so students may safely attend school