

# NURSE'S CORNER

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## Contact the Nurse

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**UPDATED SRS COVID-19 POLICY AND PROCEDURES:** The health and safety of our students and school community is our top priority here at St. Rocco School. The SRS faculty and staff work hard to ensure our students and families are kept healthy and appreciate all your support of our school practices and protocols. Please see the attached newly updated SRS COVID-19 Policy and Procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Nurse Cheryl

**IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT FEELING WELL**, please keep them home and call the **SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST** to report them absent. You may send an email to your child's teacher and to the nurse, but initially the phone call must be to the school Office. If you are unsure if you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

### HEARING SCREENINGS: OCTOBER 25th

Hearing screenings for children in preschool through grade 3 are part of school health regulations. The Rhode Island School for the Deaf will be conducting screenings at St. Rocco School on **October 25th starting at 8:30 a.m.** A notice will be sent home in the Thursday packet as we get closer to the date. This is not a consent form. You only need to return the form if you answer **YES to ANY** of the questions on the form. If you do not want your child screened or have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

**FLU CLINIC: NOVEMBER 4th starting at 9:30 a.m.** for all staff, faculty, and students. Keep an eye out in the next couple of weeks for details.

**WE NEED TO KNOW-** It is important to notify the school Nurse when:

- Newly diagnosed medical conditions or if there has been a change in your child's medical condition and/or medications

St. Rocco School is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our school community. All of us working together with God's help and guidance will keep us going strong.

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Please see the **RIDOH COVID-19 webpage** below for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 vaccination, prevention, and testing.

[RI COVID-19 Information: Department of Health](#)

The updated Playbook- Outbreak Response Protocol PreK-12 can be viewed using the following link.

<https://www.back2schoolri.com/>

- Newly diagnosed allergies
- Surgeries
- Injuries- documentation is needed from a physician stating exclusion or limitations from gym, recess, or other activities. If your child needs crutches, splints, or slings the doctor note must include this in the note along with the length of time they may need them. Once an injury has been treated a note from the physician stating when the child can return to normal activity is required.
- If your child is absent for 3 or more days, due to an illness and it is not related to COVID-19, they must have a physician's note when they return to school.



**As you know, St. Rocco's is a peanut and tree nut (including Nutella) free school.** We do not allow any peanut/tree nut products as well as foods that have been processed in a facility where peanuts/tree nuts have been prepared. Please read food labels closely before you send any food/snacks to school with your child to ensure they are nut-free.

- ❖ Just a friendly reminder to please pack healthy choices for snacks/lunch for your child.
- ❖ We are a soda, gum, and candy free school.

**MEDICATIONS: If you have not already done so, please send in medications and Medication Consent Forms from your child's physician for any medications required.**

**If your child has an allergy or medical condition that requires medication, please send in medications.** It is very important to have all medications on hand that your child needs while at school, especially medications such as EpiPens and inhalers which are needed in the event of an emergency. Please send in the prescription in its original packaging along with the physician's order. **Existing orders must be renewed every school year.** If your child, no longer requires medication or a health issue has been resolved please contact me to update your child's medical information record as well as providing documentation from their healthcare provider. If your child has a new medical diagnosis, please let us know.

**If your child requires any medications at school the following procedures must be followed:**

- The parent/guardian presents a written order from the child's physician.
- An adult brings the medication in the original prescription bottle properly labeled by a pharmacist as required by RI state law.
- Over-the-counter medications may be given with parent permission stating the medication, dose, and reason for medication.
- All forms from the physician can be sent to the school in a sealed envelope, faxed or scanned, and emailed to the school Nurse.
- Asthma Action Plans are required for any student with Asthma.