

## State Mandates

Health screenings that are required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for children to attend school include:

## Physical Examinations

Kindergarten entrance,

Sports, Grade 4, 7 and 10, and new entrants.

## Immunization

New students entering the Fairhaven Public School System are required to be in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization regulations.

## Screenings:

Heights, Weights, BMI, Vision, Hearing and Dental .....Grades K-5, 7, 9

Postural Screening.....Grade 5 - 9

Lead Screening....Kindergarten entrance

Preschool vision screening ...prior to kindergarten entrance

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# Fairhaven Public Schools Health Services

*Partners in your child's  
education*

***Good Health is Necessary for  
Effective Learning***



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## Role of the School Nurse

- To promote optimum level of wellness for students and staff.
- Refers students and families to primary care providers and appropriate community health agencies.
- Provides acute and emergency care.
- Provides health education and counseling to prevent disease and promote healthy lifestyles.
- Conducts mandated vision, hearing, growth and postural screenings and provides follow-up and referral.
- Manages care of children with special needs.
- Manages and administers medication.
- Provides programs and classroom presentations on prevention and control of disease and other health matters, including dental health.
- Maintains confidential, computerized records for all students.
- Ensures compliance with state's mandated immunizations policy for the entry into school.

## Fairhaven School Department

### Sick Child Recommendations

Children must remain at home if they have any of the following:

- If they do not have all required immunizations mandated by DPH.
- A contagious illness such as chicken pox, flu or strep throat; a fever that causes chills, sweating and muscle aches; or a fever over 100 within the past 24 hours. May return to school after on medication or antibiotics for at least 24 hours.
- Red or pink itchy eyes with crusty and/or green/yellow drainage. May return to school when no drainage and/or on medication for a full 24 hours.
- A rash of unknown cause; May return to school when doctor authorizes.
- Head lice or nits(eggs); May return to school when **all nits** have been removed and child has been checked by the school nurse upon reentry to school.
- Vomiting or diarrhea: May return to school if 6-12 hours after last episode..

*This list is a guideline. The School Nurse reserves the right to dismiss students who, in her professional opinion, are possibly contagious or are too ill to be in school.*

## Medications and Emergencies

- All medications given at school need a doctor's order. Forms are available at the School Nurse's office.
- No child may carry medications to and from school. Medications must be brought to the Nurse's office in the original prescription bottle by an adult.
- If the child becomes ill at school, the nurse will call the parent to make arrangements to take the child home.
- Parents are asked to notify the school nurse immediately in the event of a contagious disease, so that the teacher and school nurse can take the necessary steps to protect the health of the other children.
- Parents are required to complete the student health and emergency information form each year. Parents are responsible for the school having emergency contact numbers.

## Websites for Parents

MA Dept. of Public Health...[www.state.ma.us/dph](http://www.state.ma.us/dph)

Center for disease control.....[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

American Academy of Pediatrics...[www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)

National Institute for Health.....[www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov)