## ELYSIAN CHARTER SCHOOL MEDICAL INFORMATION DETAILS

Dear Parent or Guardian,

To provide the best possible care for your child, it is essential that I have accurate and upto-date health records.

**FORMS:** The following forms are available for download at the Elysian website: <a href="http://www.ecsnj.org">http://www.ecsnj.org</a>.

- · Student Medical Survey Form
- · Medication Administration Form
- · Physical Forms
- · Pre-participation Physical Evaluation / Clearance Form (for sports participation)

**CHANGE IN MEDICAL STATUS:** It is important that parents of new students or students whose medical status has changed return a completed Medical Survey Form, and if applicable, a Medication Administration Form by the first day of school.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AT SCHOOL:** It is imperative that the school nurse is aware of your child's changing medical status. If for some reason your child is injured or becomes seriously ill at school and needs to be transported to the hospital, and we cannot reach you, these medical records become important in your child's initial treatment. Please make sure you include ALL medications that your child takes on these forms. **This information is vital in case there is a serious medical emergency.** 

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION IN SCHOOL: <u>No medication will be administered in school</u> <u>without a signed Medication Administration Form from a physician.</u> This form is not only used for prescription medications, but also for over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, Cough Syrup, etc. Any approved medications administered by the nurse must be sent to school in their original packaging with a note from a parent or guardian. <u>As per New Jersey State Law,</u> this additional note MUST be on record before medications can be administered.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORMS:** Kindergarten physicals are due by <u>October 1st, 2022</u>. If your child is entering Kindergarten in September, is a new student, or is planning to participate in any of our sports programs, a physical is required. Physical Forms are available on our website. In addition, up-to-date immunization records should be sent before the first day of school for ALL students, especially students entering Kindergarten and students transferring into all grades.

**Immunizations:** All new students must submit their immunization records by the first day of school. Students in 6th grade are required to submit proof of Dtap and Meningitis vaccines per New Jersey State Requirement. <u>If your child has received the COVID-19 vaccine</u>, <u>please submit a copy of your child's immunization record.</u>

**SPORTS PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:** In order to participate in Elysian sports activities, all students are required to have a current physical examination form on file. Your child will not be able to participate in sports until this document is on file in the nurse's office.

**WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME:** On our website, you will find a guide to when it may be medically necessary to keep your child from school. This is simply meant as a reference for any parent who may have doubts about whether to send their child to school. See more details at our website under Medical Information.

**DOCTOR'S NOTE / ABSENTEEISM:** If your child is absent for three or more days due to illness, a doctor's note is required to return. In addition, if for some reason a child is injured and cannot participate in gym, needs to use the elevator, or needs to remain in for recess, a physician's note is also required. This note should include the length of time physical education and recess will be missed.

**ALLERGIES:** Lastly, due to an increase of students with severe allergies, Elysian Charter School is a tree nut and peanut-free school. We ask that parents be mindful when purchasing snacks and packing their child's lunches. It is important to be vigilant, because many snacks appear to be "nut-free," but are produced in facilities that also manufacture nut products. <u>Please remember, for many students with nut allergies, exposure can be life-threatening.</u>

I look forward to working with you and your child during the upcoming school year.

School Nurse