## **HEALTH SERVICES**

**First Aid/Illness**: Students needing medical attention shall report to the health room or main office. Health service personnel are not always available in the building. Keep contact information up to date so we can reach you quickly if your child becomes sick or injured. When determining if your child is too sick for school, refer to the "Sick Child: Home or School" guidelines in the registration packet.

## **Medications at School:**

*Prescription Medication*: Students requiring prescription medications to be administered by school personnel must have a "permission for medication" form signed by the physician and parent. The medication must be in its original pharmacy issued container.

## ALL MEDICATION SHALL BE SECURELY STORED IN THE MAIN OR HEALTH OFFICE.

*Over-The-Counter Medication*: Comfort medicine may be given during select health room hours when parents have signed the "medicine permission consent" on the Health History form in the registration packet.

*Emergency Medication:* Students who need to carry asthma inhalers, epi-pens, or diabetic supplies at school may do so as long as there is a Health Care Action Plan signed by a health care provider on file in the health office. Health Care Plans for Severe Allergies, Diabetes, Asthma, and Seizures are available from the school nurse, or on the district website below.

**Immunization Requirements:** Colorado State Immunization Requirements for School Enrollment were provided in the registration packet.

**Permission for Health Advisory/Need to Know**: School nurses develop a Student Health List and/or a Health Care Action Plan from the Health History form in the registration packet. All information is confidential and is shared only on a need-to-know basis. Alert your school nurse if you do not want your student's medical information shared with appropriate school personnel.

**Permission for Emergency Care**: In the event of a medical emergency, the Montezuma-Cortez School Department will render emergency aid and/or transportation to a medical facility as needed. Costs incurred are at the expense of the family. Every effort will be made to contact the family in such a situation. If this practice concerns you, contact the school administrator. Please keep emergency contact information current with the school.

**Screenings/Physical Exams:** Parents/guardians may opt out of routine, non-emergency screenings provided by the district. Current screenings might include: hearing, vision, lice, height and weight. Contact your school if you do not want your child to participate in these screenings. Parents are encouraged to have physical and dental examinations for their school-aged child before entering school and again before the 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Contact your school nurse if you do not have a health care provider and would like to arrange a physical exam for your child.

**Asbestos Management:** Asbestos Management plans have been formulated for every RE: 1 building. Those plans are available for review by staff, parents, and the general public at the Administration Building, Cortez, CO, or at any of the occupied buildings.

School health services information is available electronically at http://www.cortez.k12.co.us