

Dear Darrow Families,

On The Darrow School website are the Health Forms that are required for new and returning students. These forms must be completed and returned by August 15, 2020 to the registrar. The forms that are required are:

- Mandatory Permission for Treatment
- The Darrow School Health Record
- Immunization Record.

Please be sure to complete the Order for Prescribed Medications if your child takes prescription medications and that it is signed by the prescribing physician(s).

Pay close attention to the following specific questions:

1. **Personal Information:** Please note full addresses and all telephone numbers where a parent/guardian may be reached in the event of an emergency.
2. **Mandatory Permission for Treatment Form:** This permission form is required by all emergency care facilities before treatment will be given and is mandatory for enrollment at The Darrow School. Once you have filled in the top portion, please be sure to sign at the bottom.
3. **Insurance Information:** See Permission to Treat Form for instructions. We require that all students carry health insurance. If you have insurance cards, please make copies of these cards and attach them to the form. If you are unable to make copies of your cards at home, please bring the cards with you to registration and we will make copies for you. If you are purchasing the school health insurance policy for your child please indicate this on the form and we will enter the ID# once it has been assigned. *\*\*Please remember to send us updates and/or changes of insurance/billing information during the school year.*
4. **Health History:** Please fill out the medical history section of the physical form as **accurately** and **completely** as possible. When portions of your child's health history are left off these records, it is difficult for Darrow Health Services and area health providers to provide the best possible care for your child. If there is any relevant parental health history that our school physician should know please include it on the form and designate to which parent it applies.
5. **Physical Examination and Screening:** The doctor must sign and fill out this page for your child to be allowed to participate in team sports activities per New York State law and in non-team sports per The Darrow School Policy. This exam must be done **yearly and prior to registration.**

- 6. Immunizations Record:** New York State enforces laws which refuse enrollment of any child who fails to comply with the immunization requirements of New York State. Please be sure that all of your child's immunizations have been recorded and are up to date according to New York State guidelines, or that blood tests have been performed to prove immunity. Please have your doctor review the form thoroughly. If you are claiming medical exemption from immunization please have the New York doctor fill out the form and submit. Please note New York State law no longer provides immunization exemptions for non-medical reasons. **If we do not have your child's complete immunization record or signed medical exemption form in hand by registration your child will not be considered registered and will return home with you until we have these records.** Darrow Health Department and the AAP strongly recommend getting your child the flu vaccine this year.

The Darrow School is affiliated with pediatrician Dr. Brian Dempsey's office located at 758 East Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, for urgent care visits and consultation. His phone number is 413-448-8212. If your child is seen by Dr. Dempsey or one of his associates, your insurance information will be forwarded to their office. If you have copays or deductibles associated with your insurance please notify Health Services staff if you would like these payments withdrawn from your child's student drawing account.

If your child will be taking prescribed medication, please choose a pharmacy that will package medications in multi-dose, pre-packaged form. That is, instead of Darrow receiving from you individual pharmacy bottles of medications, your child's medications will come to us pre-packaged with all medications for a given date and time in a single packet bearing the medication names, dosages, date and time of day for administration and expiration date.

Lenox Village Pharmacy in Lenox, MA has worked with Darrow and is set up to provide this pre-packaging service for Darrow's students. There is no additional charge for the service and they will deliver directly to the school. They can be found at [Lenox Village Pharmacy | 5 Walker St, Lenox, MA](#).

Cost and ability to provide this service vary among other pharmacies. If your current or another preferred pharmacy provides this service, please feel free to use them.

Additional options can be found on-line. Among them are:

- CVS: [SimpleDose Pill Packets | Prepackaged Medication](#)
- Amazon: <https://www.pillpack.com/how-it-works>

This policy for all orally administered, non-liquid medications, including over-the-counter (OTC) medications such as vitamins, minerals and homeopathic medications. Short term (for fourteen days or less) medications such as antibiotics will be an exception. Inhalers, topical creams and injections will continue to be handled as they are now.

Co-pays/payments from the pharmacy are deducted from the student's drawing account at the end of each month. **\*\*Please note that you do not need to send "as needed" over-the-counter medications (e.g., Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Claritin, cold medicine) to school with your child.** Health Services

is stocked with common over the counter preparations. Asthma inhalers, epi-pens, skin ointments, eye drops & prescription allergy nose sprays may be kept in the students' room but will need to be registered with the nurse. All medications should be brought to Health Services during registration. **If you will be sending medication to school for your child via a mail service please address it to Health Services rather than your child.**

**As per our policy, which will be enforced, no child will be allowed to stay on campus or start classes until we have received your medical registration forms completed in full.** Please forward the completed forms to The Darrow School Registrar, Lorrie Wechter as soon as possible. The deadline for form submission is August 15, 2020.

Sincerely,

The Darrow School Health Team