

## ***CMS School Nurse/ Presbyterian Hospital Health Ministries Partnership***

*Goal: To provide the opportunity for faith communities to assist and support CMS/Public Health School Nurses by providing health room supplies.*

*Rationale: School Nurses perform a vital role for students and faculty within the CMS system. In addition to insuring that all students are properly immunized, have a plan of care if they are dealing with a chronic illness, provide health education and serve as a healthcare resource to the staff of their assigned school, they also provide a vital role in assisting students dealing with health issues- either of a chronic or acute nature. Often they serve as a point of entry for a student to access much needed medical services. Many students do not have a medical home. Some schools within the CMS system have active support from their Parent Teacher Association or other community support, but many do not. This program is designed to meet a specific need for schools that do not have the financial resources to provide the material medical needs of their health rooms. While health rooms are stocked with basic supplies, this stock is at times incomplete or becomes depleted.*

*As health ministries our mission is enhanced when we not only care for the needs within our faith communities, but also respond to needs within our neighborhoods. As a partner with a school within your neighborhood or our larger community you will be impacting the care of children in need and supporting a healthcare provider who is serving in a setting that is vitally important, but challenging on a daily basis.*

*With the concerns surrounding H1N1 influenza it is especially important that our school nurses have the supplies they need to provide the care required for students to remain healthy so that they may succeed in our schools.*

*Need: Sample supplies list*

*Band-Aids*

*Small Ziploc bags for ice packs*

*Hand Sanitizer – 2 bottles that are <60% alcohol*

*Liquid Hand Soap – Regular, NOT anti-bacterial*

*Kleenex (tissues)*

*Thermometer covers*

*Cups (Dixie cup size for water)*

*Gloves*

*First aid kits for teachers (snack size Ziplocs, 4-5 gloves, Band-Aids)*

*Juice boxes and individual healthy snacks*

*Boys and Girls Underwear (for elementary schools)*

*Inexpensive sweatpants bottoms*

*School needs may vary so each partner will meet with their school nurse to determine the needs. There may be other needs identified (for ex. Volunteers to help with vision or hearing screenings) but it will be up to the partners involved to discern if they would like to broaden the scope of their involvement. Anyone volunteering within the school must complete the CMS volunteer form found online at <https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/>*

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