

Dental Hygiene

- Report any mouth or tooth pain, and swelling or bleeding gums to the clinic through the health memo process.
- Brush (teeth, tongue) and floss twice daily or after meals.
- Floss is available in the living unit.



Medications and First Aid in Living Units

Some medications available in the living unit include Tylenol, antacids, sunscreen, bacitracin, acne cream and antifungal cream for athlete's foot and jock itch.

Emergency Care

Nurses respond immediately to life threatening medical emergencies. GHS staff will alert nursing staff to medical emergencies.

Residents have the right to refuse medical treatment through the Refusal of Medical Care form. The Health Center provides the form upon refusal of treatment.

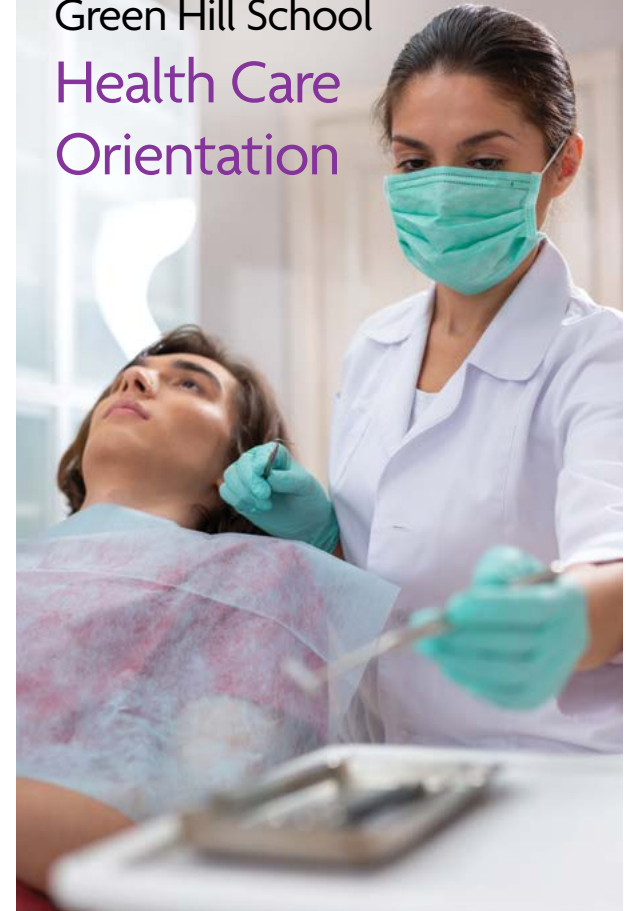


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Green Hill School Health Care Orientation



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The Green Hill School (GHS) Health Center mission is to provide excellent medical, dental and mental health care with compassion and respect for all of our patients.

The Health Center provides medical, dental, mental health and optometry services. Nursing staff are on campus seven days a week, 24 hours a day, except Saturday and Sunday nights.

All residents receive an intake nursing assessment within one hour of arrival on campus, and subsequent physical exams within the first week of arrival. Dental exams occur within 60 days of admission. Offsite specialists are available for acute and chronic medical conditions.

For medical, mental health, dental or vision care:

- Complete a health memo (available at the living unit booth) and place it in the health box with the red cross on it. The health box is checked daily.
- Medical, mental health/psychiatric, dental and vision services are provided on a rotating schedule throughout the business week and quarterly for vision.



Physical Exams with a Medical Provider

All residents receive a physical exam within one week of arrival at GHS and annually thereafter. Refusal of the physical exam results in complete activity restriction (recreation and work). It is possible that cultural activities will be restricted until the physical exam takes place.



Medications

Take medications with a full glass of water. Nurses conduct a “mouth check,” and check hands and cups to ensure medications are swallowed. When medications are concealed under the tongue or in the cheek to avoid swallowing, it is referred to as “cheeking.” If there is an attempt to cheek or divert medications, the medications may be crushed to ensure consumption or discontinued.

STD Testing

GHS provides chlamydia and gonorrhea screening upon arrival. Youth can request additional STD screenings through the health memo process.

Immunizations

Immunization assessment occurs after intake. Residents will be as current as possible before discharge, transfer or parole.

