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Dear Superintendent:

As you begin the 2017-18 school year, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) Student Services/Prevention and Wellness Team would like to welcome you back and inform you of some important school health updates and notices.

Administering Opioid Antagonists to Pupils and Other Persons

[2017 Wisconsin Act 29](#) became effective on July 18, 2017, amending Wisconsin's pupil medication law (Wis. Stat. § 118.29). Language was added allowing "school bus operators, employees, or volunteers" to administer an opioid antagonist (i.e., Naloxone/Narcan) to pupils and other persons who appear to be undergoing an opioid-related drug overdose. School districts are not required to stock opioid antagonists. [An FAQ](#) is published on the DPI website regarding this change to 118.29. School districts and school boards are strongly encouraged to consult with the district's legal counsel when developing policies and protocols.

School District Immunization Compliance Now Public

Changes to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) immunization website this fall will not only list the compliance rate of each school district individually, but the public will be able to note the number of students with waivers and types of waivers claimed. Administrators are reminded that districts below the 99.0% compliance rate are required to exclude any student enrolled in grades kindergarten to six who is non-compliant in the 2017-18 school year (Wis. Stat. § ch. 252). Districts are encouraged to work with their school nurse and local public health department to increase immunization compliance. The DPI held a summer institute for school nurses regarding immunizations on August 1, 2017. The DHS will host a webinar for school and public health nurses specifically on immunization compliance and record keeping on August 31, 2017. Access can be reached at: <https://livestream.com/DHSWebcast/events/5766391>. The 2017-18 school immunization booklet will be posted on the DHS immunization program website as soon as it is complete.

Sex Trafficking Added to Mandatory Reporter Requirements

In May 2017, federal Public Law 114-22 went into effect requiring the investigation of alleged child sex trafficking, regardless of the type of relationship between alleged victims of child sex trafficking and alleged maltreaters. As a result, [2015 Wisconsin Act 367](#) was enacted, which aligns state statute with this federal legislation. As mandatory reporters, school district personnel are required to report suspected incidences of sex trafficking and exploitation. Districts may find the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families' [Wisconsin Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Indicator Response Guide](#) a helpful resource in reporting suspected child sex trafficking. The DPI is updating our mandatory reporter training to provide education to school personnel on how to recognize and report such incidences.

New School Nurse Orientation

The New School Nurse Orientation is scheduled for October 11-12, 2017, in Madison at the Holiday Inn American Center. This training is for those nurses who will be working for the first time in or with a school district. It is appropriate for school nurses who have worked in a school setting zero to three years. Topics that will be covered include guidance on the laws that affect school health, information on IEP's, 504's, school health records, and chronic health conditions management. This two-day workshop is a collaborative effort of the DPI and the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses. The cost of the program is \$100. Visit [2017 New School Nurse Orientation](#) for registration information.

For new and more seasoned school nurses, the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses in conjunction with DPI will hold the annual school nurse spring conference April 19-20, 2018, in Madison. Registration information will be shared this winter via DPI School Nurse Updates.

Lifesaving Skills Instruction Implementation 2017-18 School Year

DPI guidance on the 2015 legislation for lifesaving skills instruction, which went into effect July 2017 can be viewed at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/hestatutelifesavingskills.pdf>

School Nurse Contact Information

The DPI school nurse consultant will be contacting district special education directors this fall in an attempt to collect names and contact information on all school nurses serving Wisconsin public and private schools. Please encourage your director to respond to the request. School nurses and other interested parties may subscribe to electronic, biweekly DPI School Nurse Updates by registering at: <mailto:join-schoolnurse@lists.dpi.wi.gov>

Revised Medication Administration and Bloodborne Pathogens Training

Both the basic medication administration and the bloodborne pathogen modules have been updated and revised. Links to these updated modules are found under DPI's School Nursing and Health Services webpage <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/pupil-services/school-nurse>. If your district links staff training to the DPI website please check for current URLs.