

School Nurse Update

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On Tuesday, January 16, 2018, Wisconsin's consolidated state plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act was approved by the US Department of Education. The plan was developed with extensive stakeholder input and cross-agency collaboration. For more information: <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/secretary-devos-approves-wisconsins-essa-state-plan>.

For those of you who need a little **school nurse humor** in the midst of January, here is a video by Gerry Brooks, a principal who does funny commentary on school culture- usually from his car. <https://www.facebook.com/gerrybrooksprin/videos/710388669170730/>

A recent [study](#), published in the *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, suggests that **different groups of people talk about depression differently**. In particular, poorer black kids discuss their feelings of depression differently than other demographic groups. The article suggests that black youth are more likely to couch their depression in terms of physical symptoms. **Our Wisconsin YRBS data** shows that, in general, students who report poor physical health also report poor mental health, including a higher risk of suicidal ideation. More to come on these health disparities in the DPI Update at the **Wisconsin Association of School Nurses conference**. **Registration for the conference is now open**. [Register here](#).

The Department of Health Services is now developing the form to record the results of the **school employee physical examination to document freedom from tuberculosis** in a communicable form as a condition of employment. The form will be available on the DPI website once completed. See [PRACTICE POINTS](#) for an **update on DPI's guidance on opioid antagonist administration**.

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SAVE THE DATE

WASN Spring Conference-
April 18-20, 2018 Monona
Terrace- Madison
Wisconsin
**REGISTRATION NOW
OPEN!**

NASN Annual School
Nurses Conference
June 30- July 3- Baltimore,
Maryland



<https://wisconsinnurses.org/?event=healthy-nurses-conference>

LINK SCHOOL NURSE WORKLOADS WITH STUDENT OUTCOMES

In a recently released educational activity, school nurses can learn about a workload acuity model that includes traditional measures (identified healthcare needs) and non-traditional measures related to social determinants of health. This activity also includes information about the relationship between the model and student outcomes. Participants can earn 1.0 CNE contact hour and the activity is free to NASN members. [Learn more or enroll today.](#)

NASN2018 Justification Toolkit

NASN has once again developed an Annual Conference [Justification Toolkit](#). You can use this toolkit to begin planning to attend NASN2018 next summer. The toolkit includes event details and attendance rationale you can share with your employer. Currently, we are in the process of reviewing school nurse experts as speakers, as well as determining the top workshops, breakout sessions, and exhibitors.

Click [here](#) for all the NASN2018 details

Wisconsin Association of School Nurses Seeking Nominations for [Katheryn Etter School Nurse of the Year](#) and [School Nurse Administrator of the Year](#) Awards. Nominations are accepted electronically.

ACT Accommodations

The deadline to submit ACT accommodations requests in the [TAA system](#) is **January 12**. This is a firm deadline. Students without ACT-approved accommodations will test standard time or with local arrangements. See the [ACT Accommodations Test Administration Manual](#) for the list of local arrangements that can be made without ACT's approval. **The Late Consideration Form may be used for students who, after January 12**, enroll in your school, have newly identified disabilities, or sudden onset of medical conditions. Log into TAA at any time to check the status of your requests and review decisions. You can sort the student list by status to see which requests are in review, approved, partially approved, require action, or are not approved. In TAA you will see the reason the request was not approved or partially approved with instructions for the additional documentation that is needed. Requests that are not approved can be edited for reconsideration through **January 26**. This is a firm deadline. If students with disabilities are denied accommodations requests for state wide ACT testing, please notify the DPI Office of Student Assessment at 608-267-1072 or osamail@dpi.wi.gov.

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES - CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND - HEALTH CARE AND ADVOCACY FOR AMERICA'S MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Twenty-nine American states fail to require adequate health screenings for children entering school, according to a groundbreaking report authored by Children's Health Fund. The report, entitled "Missed Opportunities," examined school health screening laws in all 50 states (plus Washington D.C.) for 7 specific health conditions found to significantly impede a child's ability to learn in school. <https://www.childrenshealthfund.org/missedopportunities/>



Graphic from: Missed Opportunities - Children's Health Fund (2018)
<https://www.childrenshealthfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Missed-Opportunities.pdf>



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

Many Wisconsin Preteens and Teens Are Not Protected Against Certain Cancers Caused by HPV January is Cervical Health Awareness Month

According to the most recent National Immunization Survey (NIS) data (2016), many of Wisconsin's teens are not fully protected against the [human papillomavirus virus \(HPV\)](#) because they have not completed the HPV vaccine series. According to the NIS, while 62% of 13-17 year olds in Wisconsin have started the HPV vaccine series, only 46% have completed it.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that the vaccine series be given to boys and girls at age 11 to 12 years for best protection against cancer.

[View the entire news release.](#)

Influenza illness increasing in Wisconsin

The rate of hospitalizations due to influenza is rising in the following age categories: Children under 5, adults 50-64, and 65+ years of age. Influenza vaccination in Wisconsin is trending lower compared to previous years. Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself and your patients against influenza illness. Providers should continue to recommend immunization against influenza as the influenza season is expected to continue for many more months. The CDC offers free posters for the community and provider offices for both the [general population and specific populations.](#)

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidance on vaccination

Two important articles related to vaccination were published in a recent MMWR. The first article includes recommendations from the ACIP on the [prevention of hepatitis B virus](#) in the United States. The second article includes recommendations around administering a [third dose of MMR vaccine for mumps control](#) during outbreaks.

PRACTICE POINTS

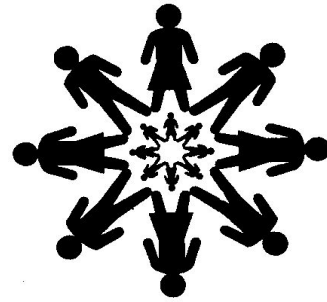
The Department of Public Instruction has revised its guidance regarding the training component of Wisconsin's pupil medication law (Wis. Stat. § 118.29) as amended by 2017 Wisconsin Act 29. The revisions relates to the training of school bus operators, employees, or volunteers to administer an opioid antagonist on school grounds or school related activities to a pupil or other person. In addition to training, the individual must be authorized in writing by an administrator. This training is a requirement to be immune from civil liability. Click on [Opioid Antagonist Guidance](#) for the revised guidance.

As medication training must be approved by the Department of Public Instruction there are new resources for this opioid antagonist training on the DPI website [Opioid Antagonist Specific Resources](#). I have borrowed heavily from the free National Association of School Nurses' (NASN) [Naloxone in Schools Toolkit for School Nurses](#). NASN also offers a Continuing Education model for school nurses on opioid overdose awareness.

School Nurse Webpage:
<https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/pupil-services/school-nurse>

To join the School Nurse Email List and receive school nursing updates [click here](#)

WASN



Wisconsin Association of School Nurses

December 1, 2017

Dear School Superintendent and Administrators,

On behalf of the [Wisconsin Association of School Nurses](#) (WASN), I invite you to consider nominating your district's school nurse for one of two annual WASN awards.

WASN's ***School Nurse Administrator of the Year Award***, is a means of honoring school nurse administrators who demonstrate excellence in developing and administering school nursing and health service programs.

The ***Katheryn Etter School Nurse of the Year Award***, is a means of honoring school nurses who demonstrate excellence in school nursing practice.

Nominations for these two prestigious awards can be submitted by school administrators, school nurse colleagues, teachers, students, parents and/or other individuals who have knowledge of your school nurse's performance and qualifications. The nomination criteria and application links are active above, by clicking on the award name. Please distribute by sharing through your district to anyone who may be inclined to nominate your school district's school nurse administrator or school nurse. **Application deadline is January 31st, 2018, at 4:00pm.**

If you have submitted a nomination for your school nurse in the past and he/she did not receive an award at that time, please re-submit a nomination for this year. Although your nominee may not have been chosen last year, it is not a reflection on your particular school nurse. Wisconsin schools are merely filled with so many well-deserving school nurse professionals who are making a difference in the lives of our students!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. All nominees are required to be current members of WASN to be eligible for an award. If your school nurse professional is not a member of WASN, you might inquire as to the barriers that prevent them from being a member and encourage him/her to join. The benefits of membership extend well beyond professional networking and joint advocacy to include access to free professional vision exams for students and many other state and national health initiative programs. More information about membership can be found [here](#).

In health,

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