**MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION AT SCHOOL**

In some instances, students may need to take medication at school. To the degree possible,
every effort to identify ways that medications may be taken at home, instead of during
school hours should be expolred.

Parent/Guardians will need to schedule a time with the school nurse to drop off medication. If you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or have been around someone who is COVID-19 positive will need to send another person to drop off the medication. We are requesting that nebulizer medication delivery be converted to an inhaler with a spacer to avoid the potential of spreading the virus during the aerosolized administration. If your student is unable to use a metered dose inhaler, or has a poor inhaler response and may still need nebulizer treatments the nurse will be wearing Personal Protective Equipment.

State law and Vernon Public Schools Board of Education requires the Authorization for the Administration of Medication by School Personnel Form be completed by a Doctor, Dentist, APRN or Physician's Assistant. The form must also be signed by a parent or guardian. Students may not carry medication except in certain emergency situations such as life-threatening allergies or asthma. Epi Pens and Asthma Inhalers may be self administered and self carried if it is indicated on the Medication Administration Form. A new form is required every school year.

All medications must be in the original, pharmacy-labeled container or a sealed over-the-counter container. Liquid medication must be accompanied by an appropriate measuring device. Any tablets requiring partial doses (1/2 or 1/4) must be sent to school already cut. A separate form is required for each medication signed by the provider and the parent/guardian.

If you need a blank form click on the link [here](https://www.vernonpublicschools.org/uploaded/Health_Nurse/Authorization_for_Medication_Adminstration_Form_091919.pdf) or the link under to FORMS section below.