

# To the New School Nurse

Welcome to the School Nursing! We hope that you will find your position as rewarding as we have. We would like to provide you with resources that will make your responsibilities easier to achieve and to make sure that you have another school nurse to contact. Here are five steps to obtaining those resources.

## 1. Visit the Webpage:

Colorado Department of Education, Health and Wellness, School Nursing and Health  
[http://www.cde.state.co.us/HealthAndWellness/SNH\\_Home.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/HealthAndWellness/SNH_Home.htm)

### Tips for Navigating the CDE School Nursing and Health Website

- There are main headings at the top of each section, with key words and content underneath to help direct you to the resources you are trying to find. To navigate to any of the links listed in the table you have to click the “VIEW” live link at the bottom of each section. Or...
- Use the drop-down menu on the left side of the screen under SCHOOL NURSING AND HEALTH and click any of the 12 links and you will be directed to that section of the webpage. Both of these techniques take you to the same content.
- The School Nursing website also has links to other frequently used websites making navigating easier: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, NASN, CASN, and much more.
- We also encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Colorado Department of Education website as a whole. Here are some other useful areas to visit using these key words: Special Education, Nutrition, Licensing, and Educator Effectiveness.
- National Association of School Nurses (NASN) <https://www.nasn.org/home> is also a valuable on-line resource for School Nurses.

## 2. Bookmark or download on your computer important links from this web page:

- Allergy and Anaphylaxis: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/standardanaphylaxisplan2016>
- Colorado Asthma Care Plan: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/coloradoasthmacareplan-2018>
- Diabetes web page: <http://www.coloradokidswithdiabetes.org/>
- Infectious Disease in Child Care and School Settings:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12NZoSBRjN5s4rFCNKaCu2RCzELeUT5nC/view>
- Colorado Emergency Guidelines for Schools (pdf):  
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/coloradoemergencyguidelinesforschools2016>

## 3. Sign up for the School Nurse List Serve:

- <https://healthyschoolscolorado.wufoo.com/forms/m1p2fgc1gxt02e/>
- Contact Pam Hitt ([hitt\\_p@cde.state.co.us](mailto:hitt_p@cde.state.co.us)) for requests and concerns, including changing your email address or unsubscribing. Please send technical and support questions to her as well.

## 4. “School Nurse Orientation Conference” (SNO)

- New school nurses are encouraged to attend the free School Nurse Orientation Conference, provided each summer by CDE. For more information, look under “Professional Development” on the school nurse webpage.

### School Nurse Orientation Webinars:

- ✓ Webinars are held the first Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 pm to encourage and increase each school nurses capability and understanding of vital job duties. Come prepared with questions for our guest speakers!
- ✓ If you are a new school nurse, please contact Megan Murray ([murray\\_m@cde.state.co.us](mailto:murray_m@cde.state.co.us)) to be added to the SNO webinar invite list.

## 5. Contact a Regional Nurse Specialist:

- The Regional Nurse Specialists are available to assist with technical support (like questions about your practice) and information on chronic disease management.

- Please send an email or text message to the Regional Nurse Specialist for your region so we can add your name our database and have an opportunity get to know you.

Find contact information for your Regional Nurse Specialist at:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/contactus>