



THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)

presents

2019 Fall School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(Registration @ 7:45 a.m.)

Red Lion Hotel, Cromwell

100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

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This activity will provide school nurses and school nurse supervisors with information and programs that support students. As a result of attending this conference, participants will:

- become familiar with strategies to support students' social/emotional well-being;
- learn about new legislation and trends in the state;
- become familiar with mandatory school nurse reporting;
- learn about the State's updated immunization and tuberculosis screening requirements; and
- network with other school nurses and school nurse supervisors.

Audience: School nurses, school nurse supervisors, directors of special education/pupil services, school medical advisors, and other school staff

Cost: \$125.00 per person (Includes light breakfast and lunch)

[!! Register Here !!](https://ctnurses.org/event-3510301)
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Questions: Please call 203-238-1207 x 1 or email Virginia@ctnurses.org



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Tuberculosis Risk Assessment and CT Tuberculosis Risk Assessment User Guide

(located on the CSDE School Nursing Web site at www.ct.gov/sde/schoolnurse)

School Nurses:

In February 2019, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Tuberculosis (TB) Program, in conjunction with the Connecticut Advisory Committee for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (CACET), released the Connecticut Tuberculosis Risk Assessment and Connecticut Tuberculosis Risk Assessment User Guide. These tools are intended to help health care providers for both adults and children to identify persons at highest risk for TB who should be tested and treated if positive. The DPH TB Program recently updated the Connecticut TB Risk Assessment to make the tool more helpful to school nurses and other health care providers in schools.

These tools were adapted from similar risk assessments used in California and Massachusetts and are meant to simplify the approach to identifying TB risk. The User Guide provides additional information to address the most common questions about TB testing and treatment. The TB Risk Assessment and User Guide replace the Tuberculosis Screening Guidelines for Connecticut Schools from June 2011.

We hope you find this tool useful. Please share with other health care providers and colleagues. Additional questions about TB testing and treatment can be directed to the Connecticut TB Program at 860-509-7722.

Sincerely,
Lynn Sosa, MD
TB/STD Control Programs Coordinator
Deputy State Epidemiologist
Connecticut Department of Public Health

Annual Identification of Students Without Health Insurance

Section 10-206c of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that local school districts identify students who lack health insurance and provide information to parents about state-sponsored health insurance programs for children. This notice serves as a reminder to school districts of the requirement to annually identify students without health insurance.

Approaches to identifying students who lack health insurance include capturing information from:

- required health assessment forms for students entering school and again in Grades 6 or 7 and 9 or 10; and
- annual emergency contact forms for all students enrolled in the district.

In addition to these approaches, individual school districts may have other systems in place, such as parent liaisons, school-based health centers and family resource centers that may be critical partners in providing families with information on Connecticut's state-sponsored health insurance programs for children.

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HUSKY forms in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) are located on the CSDE School Nursing web site at www.ct.gov/sde/schoolnurse

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Immunization Program

TO: School Nurses and Nursing Supervisors
FROM: Amanda Durante, Epidemiologist, Immunizations Program
DATE: July 31, 2019
SUBJECT: School Immunization Survey Changes

Beginning in the fall of 2019, the State Department of Public Health Immunization Program will be collecting School Immunization Survey data electronically. The survey will be distributed via mail and email in early October and will be available for completion until November 15, 2019. Mailed or faxed reports will no longer be accepted, all data must be submitted through the new electronic platform.

As in previous years, the Immunization Program will collect population and exemption data on all grades and vaccination coverage level data for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 7th grade. For additional information or if you have not received the access link by October 15, 2019, please contact the Immunization Program at 860-509-7929.



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