



# THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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## Virtual 2020 Spring School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*and*

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 (1.5 hours to address the upcoming school year)

Presented by: Dr. Stephanie Knutson, Education Consultant, CSDE

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 learn about:

- Infectious Diseases: Role of the School Nurse
- Asthma and Absenteeism: School nursing interventions; and
- Connecticut's immunization database and immunization requirements for 2020-2021 school year

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

**Cost:** \$125.00 (All participants will receive \$40.00 credit towards the 2020 Fall School Nurse Supervisor Conference)

[Register Here](https://www.ctnurses.org/event-3673026)  
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**Questions:** Please call 203-238-1207 x 1 or email [Virginia@ctnurses.org](mailto:Virginia@ctnurses.org)



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## 2019-20 School Health Services Program Information Survey and Concussion Reporting

- Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-203b, *Health Services Program Information Survey* requires that for the school year commencing July 1, 2017, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education must complete the full [Survey](#) that includes concussion questions as mandated by [Section 10-149e of the Connecticut General Statutes](#).
- All [Surveys](#) **MUST** be completed by June 1, 2020, to allow adequate time for data analysis. All information needed to complete the [Survey](#) will be available on the [EdAdvance Web site](#), **on May 1, 2020**.
- School Nurse Coordinators/Supervisors will need to gather data from each school in their local or regional school districts. Each school nurse will need to provide school level data as of **February 1, 2020**. In other words, data included in the Survey should be collected from the beginning of the 2019-20 school year, up to and including February 1, 2020.
- Only one survey per school district is accepted by the Survey Administrator.
- Please feel free to contact me [stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:stephanie.knutson@ct.gov) if you have any questions.

**To: School Nurses, School Nurse Supervisors and School Medical Advisors**  
**From: The Connecticut State Department of Education**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, "well" children appointments with qualified practitioners have been subject to cancellation and may be anticipated to continue to be limited in availability prior to and possibly even during the 2020-2021 school year. As such, appointments for the required health assessments prior to school enrollment, in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade and in the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade, may not be available when schools re-open. Please know that the State Department of Education is working with the State Department of Public Health and local stakeholders regarding how to best support students and their families smoothly transition back to school, including how to facilitate the requirements for these health assessments. Once information regarding the requirements for these health assessments have been carefully considered, the CSDE will be sure to communicate them to all stake holders.

We thank you for your patience and for the support you have given our students and families during this unprecedented time.

## Coronavirus Guidance and Resources for School Districts

- Connecticut State Department of Education COVID Resources includes: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Connecticut State Department of Public Health: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/COVID-19>
- Ct.gov - Connecticut's Official State Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>

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