

STUDENTS BROUGHT TO SBHC BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

When Medical Provider is in SBHC

Medical Assistant can work up student as an urgent visit, taking vitals, and providing support for immediate symptoms.

Staff Roles:

- Front desk staff can check if patient is registered, and/or if student has a parent/guardian consent on file.
- Medical provider can do medical assessment and advise school administration on need for EMS transport.
- Medical provider will notify school admin of medical disposition (if student can be released back to class, sent home, or other plan).
- School staff will be responsible for contacting parent/guardian and making a behavioral/discipline follow-up plan.

SBHC will be available for follow-up medical and/or behavioral health support.

When there is NO Medical Provider in SBHC

Staff can only provide very minimal support for an intoxicated student when there is no medical provider on site.

Say to the school staff: “There is no medical provider on site right now. The student can rest here temporarily but cannot be evaluated or monitored.”

The school staff should determine if 911 or the parent should be called. If SBHC staff feels that 911 should be called, they should go ahead and call.

Appropriate support would be:

- Have student sit down and rest
- Offer small amounts water or tea
- DO NOT allow student to fall asleep

School staff should be charged with contacting parent.

Communicate to school administration that it is their responsibility to contact the parents/guardians and make follow-up plan for student. The SBHC will be available for follow-up medical and/or behavioral health support as needed.

SBHCs do not provide drug testing. CSHA advocates for schools to have supportive and non-punitive approaches to student substance use. See more resources here: https://www.schoolhealthcenters.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/YOR-School-Discipline-and-Student-Substance-Use_Final.pdf

STUDENTS WHO PRESENT TO THE SBHC ON THEIR OWN (or who are brought in by another student)

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The medical provider will assess the severity of the student’s intoxication to the best of his/her ability, given the limitations of providing care in an SBHC.

If the intoxication and its effect on the student is mild – i.e. the student does not appear to be in any imminent harm to himself or herself by leaving the SBHC, the provider can:

- Send the student back to class
- Monitor the student in the SBHC to see how he/she progresses
- Allow the student to go home if the school day has ended
- Call the parent to come pick up the student.

If the intoxication is moderate to severe and the provider assess that the student may present a danger to self or others, the provider will:

- engage the EMS system
- inform the student's parent/guardian that the student needs to be transported to the ER.

The provider will not breach confidentiality with regard to the student's condition to the school.

If transport to ER is advised, SBHC staff will:

- call 911, alert school staff of need for 911, provide the name of the student to the school, but not the reason for transport.
- contact the parent/guardian to let them know of student's symptoms and need for emergency attention.
- inform the family member that the school has not been made aware of the student's condition.

When there is NO Medical Provider in SBHC

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- Having student sit down and rest
- Offer small amounts water or tea
- Take a temperature, if appropriate

It is ok to call the medical provider on call to make a determination about whether a 911 call is needed.

- DO NOT: take vitals – BP, heart rate unless instructed by the medical provider on-call.
- DO NOT allow student to fall asleep
- Report the following warning signs to Medical Provider:
 - o Student nodding off
 - o incoherent
 - o slurred speech,
 - o altered state of consciousness

Students who access the SBHC on their own are protected under HIPAA confidentiality. Therefore, we do not release information about the student's medical situation or intoxication to the school.

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- Inform the family member that the school has not been made aware of the student's condition