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Back to school

Going back to school can be a hectic time for kids, families and school staff. Our tips and resources will help prepare children and school health professionals for the new school year ahead.

Whether in the classroom or cafeteria, food allergy reactions continue to be a cause for concern in school-aged children. In fact, about 20 percent of students with food allergies will have a reaction while at school. To ensure that kids stay safe and ready to learn, double-check that students with food allergies have the proper forms on file to receive or carry as-needed medications at school.

Download, print and share these helpful **food allergy cards**. Contact the **Food Allergy Clinic** for more information.



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Visit choa.org/schoolhealth
for the latest news on school
health.

Back-to-school checklist:

- Make sure your school health clinic is stocked and ready for the first day of school. To view our recommended supply list, see **Chapter 1, Page 23** of the Georgia School Health Resource Manual.
- You can never be too prepared for the new school year. To check out the guidelines for medication administration in the school setting, see **Chapter 3** of the Georgia School Health Resource Manual.
- To review our suggested first aid procedures, see **Chapter 2** of the Georgia School Health Resource Manual.
- Are you having trouble determining the urgency of an individual's illness or injury in the school setting? For help defining the order of priority for emergency actions and treatment, see **Chapter 1, Page 4** of the Georgia School Health Resource Manual.





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News you can use

New website

While many of you were out over the summer, we got a makeover. Click through our [new website](#) and see all the ways we made it easier for you to find the information you need. Features like find a doctor, locations, and events and training are especially helpful for school health professionals.



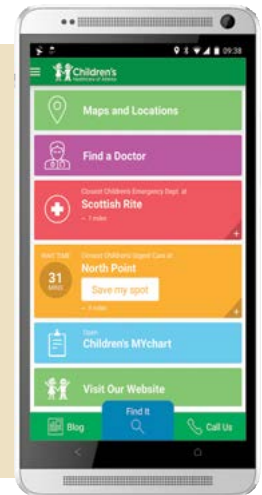
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta works closely with school nurses and school health office staff throughout the state to provide them with educational materials, training and support. Visit our new and improved [school health resources](#) page to learn more and access helpful resources such as the Georgia School Health Resource Manual, the common infectious illnesses poster, teaching sheets and educational videos.

A new point of contact: 404-785-KIDS (5437)

This year, Children's launched one main phone number for incoming calls: 404-785-KIDS (5437). One number makes it easier for a caller to reach the correct contact the first time. Callers who dial this main number will reach a phone tree designed to quickly and effectively route them to the right department, unit or individual.

Download the Children's mobile app

Navigate your entire Children's experience—from before you leave your house to the time you return home—from the palm of your hand. Learn more about our [mobile app](#), access the helpful features and download it for free.



Telemedicine services

At Children's, we use special cameras and live, secure video to connect your child to specialists from a location near you. This saves families the time and money it would cost to travel to Atlanta. Visit our [webpage](#) for more information or contact [Jill Davis](#).

Urgent care

Our pediatric Urgent Care Centers have doctors and nurses who are specially trained to diagnose and treat your child or teen. Learn about our Urgent Care Centers, wait times and more on our [webpage](#). Check out our urgent care [flier](#) to know where to take your child when illness or injury occurs.

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Medical action plans

At the beginning of each school year, it's important to have updated action plans on file for each student with a medical condition. These documents outline a child's plan of care in an emergency situation. Visit our website for helpful tools and resources on the following school health topics:

- **Anaphylaxis**
- **Asthma** (older children)
- **Asthma** (younger children)
- **Epilepsy**
- **Diabetes**



Guidance for district and school administrators

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC) urges schools and public health authorities to work together to implement mosquito control activities and mosquito bite prevention measures in schools to decrease risk of Zika virus transmission among students.

Health observances calendar

School nurses can use the **health observances calendar** for students and staff in planning bulletin boards, newsletters, employee health classes and health education focus areas.

Upcoming educational opportunities:

Scoliosis Screening Conference for School Nurses

This free, informative conference features a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon, a registered nurse and a certified orthotist.

Aug. 23 or Sept. 19,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Call **404-785-7553**
for more information.

Click to register for
Aug. 23 or Sept. 19

Save the date:

Home Healthcare Among Medically Complex Patients

This seminar will cover a variety of home healthcare topics and hands-on demonstrations.

Oct. 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call **404-785-2356** for more
information.

Registration will open eight to 10 weeks
prior to the event.

School Health Leadership Conference

Nov. 14

Registration will open eight to 10 weeks
prior to the event.

Contact **Gail Smith** or call
404-785-7202 for more information.

View all School Health events

