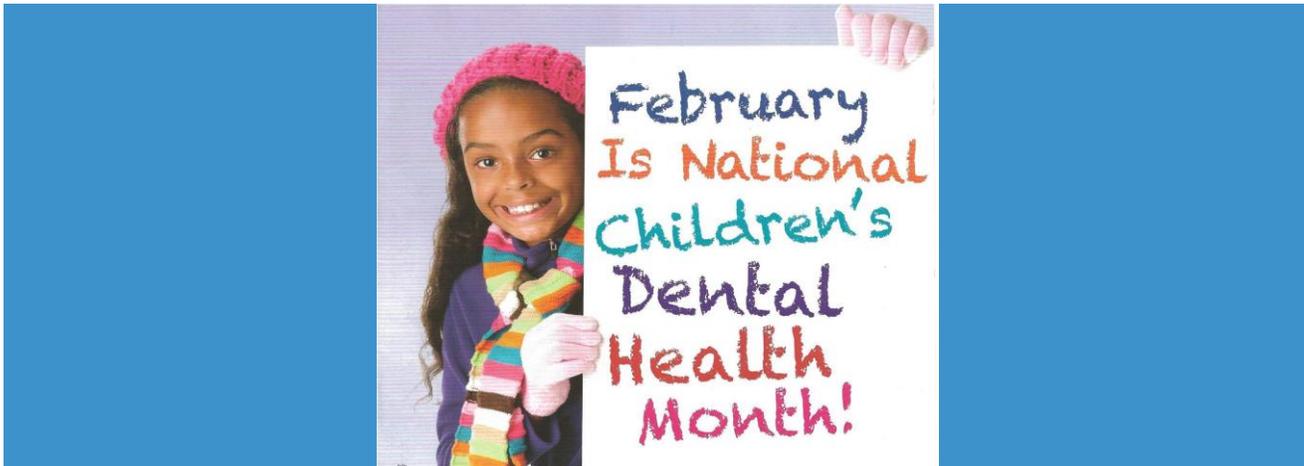


# School Health Update



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*As a reminder, if there have been any changes regarding new nursing staff, nurse retirements, etc. please notify your school nurse consultant of the changes so we may keep our distribution lists up to date.*



## CHRONIC DISEASE COUNT



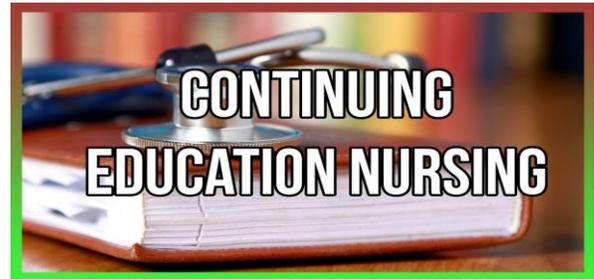
Chronic  
disease

Data is collected between March 15 and March 30.

The information should be saved for entry into the SHARRS report once opened in May.

The SHARRS instruction manual Chapter 13 provides further guidance on collecting this data.

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/School%20Health/SHARRS%20User%20Instruction%20Manual%202020.pdf>



### Child Abuse Education for School Nurses – \*Now Scheduling for 2023\*

School nurses play a critical role in cases of suspected child abuse and that is why we have a training program created just for you. Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned professional, it's important to know your legal responsibility as a mandated reporter and to focus on the clinical aspects of abuse and neglect. Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect for School Nurses is a 3-hour program offered through the PA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics that meets requirements for Acts 31, 126, 48 and 58. The presentation is for groups of at least 12 school nurses and is offered in person **or** virtually. **Please note that this is not an online course and is not for individuals.**

While many school personnel would benefit from this training, it is only offered to school nurses and school health practitioners.

If you are interested in scheduling a presentation, submit your requested date and time at [www.pascan.org](http://www.pascan.org)

Contact Teresa Olsen at [tolsen@paaap.org](mailto:tolsen@paaap.org) with any questions.



### Updated Resources

- School Dental Health Program Guidelines have been updated with changes to the Private Report of Dental Exam form, and current evidence-based practice in fluoride application for DHSP programs. The guidelines now include a 'clickable' Table of Contents for ease in locating specific information and can be found here: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/School%20Health/Dental%20Guideline.pdf>
- The Bureau of Epidemiology has developed Tick Bite and Lyme Disease materials for school nurses geared towards the PK-12 Population. Resources will be provided once available.

## ACT 48 Entry Resources (If No School District Affiliation)

- The Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response (BEPR) - not the Division of School Health has agreed to enter ACT 48 credits into PERMS **only** for certified school staff who are not affiliated with a specific school and have no other mechanism to enter ACT 48 credits into PERMS. *BEPR was informed, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), that they are not authorized to enter Act 48 continuing education credits for courses taken prior to June 8, 2017. They were also informed that they are not authorized to enter Act 48 continuing education credits if a nurse's certification status is "Inactive". The PDE must be contacted directly with any further questions or for assistance.*

The Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality can be reached M-F 8am-4pm at 717-PA-TEACH (728-3224) or 717-787-3356 or by clicking [Chat with certification staff](#).

- The submission process is **very specific**. Incomplete or inaccurate submissions will not be accepted or entered.
- The certificates **must be scanned and emailed** to [RA-DHPATRainingCOORD@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHPATRainingCOORD@pa.gov)
  - In the subject line put "**CON ED**" so they know it is for ACT 48 entry into PERMS. This email inbox receives emails for their entire bureau and if CON ED is not on the subject line it may not be directed to the appropriate person in the Bureau of Public Health Preparedness.
  - On the certificate, provide your 7 digit PPID number and your name as it is listed in PERMS. Make sure the name of the course and the number of credits awarded is on the certificate.
  - Do NOT send certificates to the Division of School Health. They will not be entered or forwarded to the Bureau of Public Health Preparedness.

### Approval for ACT 48/58 continuing education courses is now available:

- The Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response has also agreed to review and approve training courses for ACT 48/58 credits.
  - It is the responsibility of the **presenter** of the course to obtain ACT 48/58 approval and issue the certificate to attendees.
  - Certificates submitted for courses taken will not be individually reviewed for ACT 48/58 approval.
- For information on the course approval process, email [RA-DHPATRainingCOORD@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHPATRainingCOORD@pa.gov)
- In the subject line put "**CON ED Course Approval**".
- Do NOT contact the Division of School Health for information on course approvals.

## 504 Plans – Certified School Nurse Role

The Division of School Health has received several questions about the CSN being case manager of a 504:

PA school Code:

<http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/022/chapter15/s15.2.html&d=reduce>

Service agreement—A written agreement executed by a student’s parents and a school official setting forth the specific related aids, services or accommodations to be provided to a protected handicapped student.

§ 23.34. School nurses. The duties of school nurses shall be those assigned by the school district or joint school board which are exclusively connected with medical and dental school health activities.

From the National Association of School Nurses (NASN):

<https://www.nasn.org/nasn-resources/professional-practice-documents/position-statements/ps-idea#:~:text=It%20is%20the%20position%20of%20the%20National%20Association,Americans%20with%20Disabilities%20Amendment%20Act%20%28ADAA%29%20in%202008>

The school nurse uses information obtained during the process of developing an IHP **to assist** with eligibility determination and, **when indicated, to assist** IEP and **504 Plan teams to determine educational modifications and accommodations**. The creation of an IHP uses the nursing process and demonstrates adherence to professional scope and standards (American Nurses Association [ANA] & NASN, 2017). Development of an IHP is strictly the responsibility and within the scope of practice of a school nurse.

## The Importance of Self Care

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A Sincere Thank You for all you do for PK-12 School Students and Staff