



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Certified School Nurses, School Physicians

From: Kathy Ehling, Acting Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Student Services

Deadline: August 31, 2021

## Deadline Extended for Mandated School Health Screenings

Access to regular health care is an important component in the overall wellness of New Jersey's 1.4 million students and routine student health screenings are a critical element of school health services. Routine screenings help alert families of potential abnormalities that may require follow-up examination and treatment so they can be addressed as soon as possible. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) understands that COVID-19 may have hindered access to primary care providers. It is therefore especially important that school districts ensure all students in preschool through grade 12 have the opportunity to receive the required health screenings, including those students who may be solely learning through remote instruction.

While school nurses and school physicians across the State have worked tirelessly to ensure that students receive mandated school health screenings, the New Jersey Departments of Education and Health recognize the circumstances of the coronavirus pandemic have made it challenging for school districts in many communities to complete all required health screenings. *In order to provide school districts with additional time to fulfill these requirements delineated in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2 and N.J.A.C. 13A:4.5(b)1, the 2020-2021 school year deadline has been extended from June 30, 2021 to August 31, 2021.*

### Key steps/actions

School districts are encouraged to facilitate the completion of screenings, as soon as possible, in order to ensure enough time to conduct all required screenings by the extended deadline and to identify any potential abnormalities. Please review the [Student Health Screenings](#) link for additional information.

### Contact information

Questions regarding school health screenings may be emailed to the Office of Student Support Services via [HealthySchools@doe.nj.gov](mailto:HealthySchools@doe.nj.gov).

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