To the New School Nurse

Welcome to the School Nursing! We hope that you will find your position as rewarding as we have. We would like to provide you with resources that will make your responsibilities easier to achieve and to make sure that you have another school nurse to contact. Here are five steps to obtaining those resources.

1. **Visit the Webpage at the Colorado Department of Education, Health and Wellness, School Nursing and Health** [https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/snh_home](https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/snh_home)

   **Tips for Navigating the CDE School Nursing and Health Website**
   - We created it as a table with 12 main headings at the top of each section, and listed key words and content underneath to help direct you to the resources you are trying to find. To navigate to any of the links listed in the table you have to click the “VIEW” live link at the bottom of each section. This is the first way to navigate the website.
   - The second way to navigate the CDE School Nursing and Health Website is to use the drop-down menu on the left side of the screen under **SCHOOL NURSING AND HEALTH** and click any of the 12 links and you will directed to that section of the webpage. Both of these techniques take you to the same content.
   - The School Nursing website also has links to other frequently used websites making navigating easier: [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](https://www.colorado.gov/publichealth), Qualistar, NASN, CASN, and many more.
   - We also encourage you to familiarize yourself with the [Colorado Department of Education](https://www.cde.state.co.us) website as a whole, here are some other useful areas to visit using these key words: **Special Education**, **Nutrition**, **Licensing**, **Educator Effectiveness**
   - National Association of School Nurses (NASN) [https://www.nasn.org/home](https://www.nasn.org/home) is also a valuable on-line resource for School Nurses

2. **Bookmark on your computer important links:**
   - CDE School Nursing and Health: [Home web page](https://www.cde.state.co.us/)
   - **Web page/Office Management/School Nurse Manual**: There are several links that you will need to accessing often such as, Infectious Disease in Child Care and the Schools and Colorado Emergency Guidelines for Schools.

3. **Sign up for the School Nurse List Serve:**
   - [https://healthyschoolscolorado.wufoo.com/forms/m1uwx2e90shgyis/](https://healthyschoolscolorado.wufoo.com/forms/m1uwx2e90shgyis/)
   - To send a message using the list serve use the email address: **schoolnurse@web.cde.state.co.us**
   - Contact Pam Hitt ([hitt_p@cde.state.co.us](mailto:hitt_p@cde.state.co.us)) for requests and concerns, including changing your email address or unsubscribing.
   - **General List Serve Etiquette**
     i. Sign your messages with your name and email address
     ii. Use the subject line and address one subject per message
     iii. Do not use for personal messages, advertising, campaign/political or religious statements.
     iv. Do not forward posts or messages to any lists that have been sent to you individually.
     v. Sending attachments may result in non-delivery.
     vi. Clicking the reply button sends your message automatically to all list serve subscribers. Use an individual email address when replying to just one person.
     vii. Honor copyrights
     viii. Maintain client/student confidentiality
Register for the “School Nurse Orientation” (SNO) – a 3 day conference in July in the Denver area.

- For more information, look under “Professional Development” on the school nurse web page.
- The learning information from the School Nurse Orientations will continue with webinars being offered on the first Tuesday of the month from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. We will be providing registration links through the list serve.

4. Contact a Regional Nurse Specialist:
- The Regional Nurse Specialists are available to assist with technical support (like questions about your practice) and information on chronic disease management.
- Each is assigned to one of 8 regions in the state.
- Please send an email or text message to the Regional Nurse Specialist for your region so we can add you name to the state database and have an opportunity get to know you.

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