

## Returning to School with New Onset Diabetes

Use the list below to assure a smooth transition back to school.

### **Contact your child's school.**

- Tell them that your child was diagnosed with new onset diabetes.
- Arrange to meet with the school nurse and your child's teacher **before** your child returns to school.
- Make a plan for communicating information between home and school.

**Complete the permission form** for the diabetes team to talk to school staff about your child's diabetes care.

### **Give the school a copy of the diabetes orders.**

- These orders must be signed by the diabetes team. Your school may require additional consent from you to allow them to give medicines.

**Provide the school with emergency contact numbers.**

### **Get a medical alert ID.**

- Make sure your child wears it.

### **Provide labeled supplies for daily diabetes care:**

- Meter and strips
- Insulin/syringes or pen needles
- Lancing device/ lancets
- Glucose tabs or simple carbohydrates for a low blood sugar
- Glucagon
- Urine ketone strips
- Snacks with protein to eat after treating a low (ex. cheese and crackers)

*Note: Insurance will not cover extra supplies for school. Share a small amount and restock often.*

### **Make a plan for replacing supplies.**

- Write a date on the insulin when it is opened. Replace every 28 days.

**Consider your child's schedule. Discuss with school what extra care (like checking sugars, providing snacks, or giving insulin) might be needed.**

- Times for meals and snacks
- Times for gym and recess
- When and how does your child get to and from school
- After school activities
- Other school activities like field trips or parties

### **Who to Call**

**Call the diabetes team.** If your child gets sick or is missing school because of diabetes issues, the care plan should be reviewed. **(608) 890-9400.**

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 10/2024 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing HF#7952.