



## **STUDENT SERVICES: HEALTH AND SERVICES UNIT (Student Handbook – Revised in 2022)**

### **Health Screening Protocols During Enrollment**

The school clinic is responsible for safeguarding the health of the scholars and school personnel on campus. The Health Services Unit (HSU) is composed of the School Nurse and Physician. At the start of the school year, first-year students and upper-level scholars submit their medical requirements along with the enrolment forms. Additional tests may be required at the discretion of the Physician. The school Physician/Nurse may be invited during the student and parents' school orientation to disseminate information and explore any pertinent medical concerns. Students and parents alike will be introduced to the staff of the HSU. A brief discussion regarding the existing health guidelines and protocols may follow.

### **Availment of Health Services**

The Health Services Unit (HSU) is open during school/office hours. Students, employees, and visitors may visit the clinic during this period.

The following basic services are available:

- Consultation services
- Health information
- Reporting of ailments and interventions

### **Handling of Emergency Cases**

Emergency cases refer to any condition that requires prompt treatment/action. In emergency cases, scholars will be provided first aid/applicable intervention measures by the School Nurse or Physician and accommodated at the nearby private hospitals if needed.

### **Dental Examination**

To assess, monitor, and improve the dental condition of the students, The Health Services Unit (HSU) requires first-year students to submit their dental health records upon enrolment and at the beginning of the academic year for upper-level scholars.

### **Infectious Disease Monitoring**



Infectious diseases refer to all illnesses caused by pathogenic microorganisms, such as bacteria, viruses, parasites, or fungi, that can be easily transmitted through direct/indirect contact with the potential to cause an outbreak.

Disease to be monitored includes but is not limited to the following:

- Acute Viral/Bacterial Conjunctivitis (sore eyes)
- Viral Exanthems (measles, chickenpox)
- Parotitis (mumps)
- Dengue infections
- Amoebiasis
- Typhoid Fever
- Hepatitis A

Monitoring the occurrence and incidence of infectious diseases among students and employees and preventing possible outbreaks in the school community are among the school's priorities to protect and safeguard the health of each student, employee, and visitor.

The Health Services Unit (HSU) is responsible for monitoring the incidence of infectious diseases and reporting the number of students and employees affected. The School Nurse or Physician gives the school community advisory/ information (health tips) regarding the said infectious disease. Additional intervention measures may be needed depending on the severity of the case.

As of now, COVID-19 is one of the most infectious diseases affecting people differently. Most infected people will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without special treatment. However, some will become seriously ill and require medical attention. In keeping with the school community's health and safety protocol, the PSHS System released guidelines for the possible resumption of In-Person classes.

Please see Memorandum No. MEM-OCD-2022-06 re: BOT Resolution No. 2022-06-47, Guidelines on In-Person Classes in Philippine Science High School Under Different Health Alert Levels.