



STANDARDS FOR INFIRMARIES OF
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

On Friday, May 27, 1949 a Joint Committee of representatives from residential schools and colleges met with Commissioner Sanford Bates and representatives of the Department of Institutions and Agencies for the purpose of determining standards for school infirmaries.

As a result of this conference the following guide was developed.

I. PHYSICAL PLANT

A. Fire Protection

If the infirmary is located in a nonfireproof building it ideally should be on the first floor. If it is located above the first floor in any building 2 exits should be provided. All stairwells should be protected against the hazards of smoke and fire. There should be an adequate number of properly labeled extinguishers and personnel should be instructed as to their duties in case of emergency.

B. Location of the Infirmary

It was agreed by the Committee that the Infirmary should be segregated from well student areas. This location should be planned so that there will be no cross traffic through the department.

C. Floor Space

A minimum of 72 sq. ft. per bed was agreed upon as the amount of floor space required to permit efficiency of operation and working ease.

D. General Facilities

1. Separate bathroom and toilet facilities should be provided so that it will not be necessary to share these facilities with well students. Bathrooms should be large enough to provide a work space for the nurse if no other facility of this kind has been provided.
2. A small pantry should be available for reheating food and preparing liquids. An icebox, heating and dishwashing units should be part of the pantry equipment.
3. Dishes should be washed and boiled in the pantry before returning them to the central kitchen.

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II. MEDICAL CARE

- A. Physician Coverage
Advance arrangements should be made for coverage by a physician licensed to practice in N. J.
- B. Physician's Orders
All orders should be ~~in writing and~~ properly signed by the physician.
Telephone orders may be accepted if they are signed by a licensed physician at the earliest opportunity.
Signed routine orders may be accepted.
- C. Medical Records
There must be a permanent record of the diagnostic case load. In addition there must be a record of total infirmary admissions and total patient days.

III. NURSING CARE

- A. Nursing Coverage
As a minimum, arrangements should be made for over-all supervision by a professional registered nurse.
All medication must be kept in a locked closet and the keys not made accessible to students. Narcotic and hypnotic drugs must be kept under double lock. A record of individual usage of all drugs must be kept.
- B. Isolation
If communicable disease is cared for an individual room with separate toilet and hand washing facilities should be provided.
Regulations should be formulated whereby visiting on this section would be controlled.