## **Emergency Response:**

A school's optimal response to health and safety emergencies can depend on school health personnel needing to make decisions quickly in order to achieve the best outcome for students. YPS school's emergency response and first aid protocol authorizes the school nurse, pursuant to their mandated role and duties prescribed by Article 19 §902, to call for emergency transportation (911) without first obtaining permission.

Licensed health professionals have the training and education necessary to make this decision. Additionally, any delay in accessing emergency medical services may result in a poor outcome for the student, staff person or visitor. Following any incident, district policy should also require that the licensed health professional notify administration as soon as possible after calling for emergency services.

## Additionally, the school nurse will:

- 1. Call 911 or the local dispatch for emergencies: 914-377-7900.
- 2. Call the administration per building protocol and make them aware of activation of EMS as soon as possible.
- 3. Communicate with the parents as soon as possible of the event.
- 4. Ensure there is a staff member available, (if not the parent) to accompany the student if a transport is necessary.
- 5. Health Services is notified.
- 6. The nurse cannot leave the building unattended.
- 7. The YPS Emergency Care Flowsheet will be completed and documented in Frontline, (Appendix A).

Managing Emergency Health Care and Communicable Diseases in the School Setting 2019 (schoolhealthny.com)

## **Chronic Medical Conditions and Medications:**

In order to meet the needs of students with chronic health conditions, potentially requiring intervention or medication in the event of a need to transport of students to a secure location inside or outside the building, all medications will be packed and transported by the nurse along

with the Health Logbook which identifies students of concern, holds all current scheduled and PRN medications and action plans.

## **Emergency Supplies:**

A recognizable, readily accessible, easily carried emergency pack has been issued to every school's nurse's office. Each bag will hold the School building's Epipen's, naloxone, and albuterol. Assigned staff members may need to support the school nurse during an emergency. The AED should also be mobilized with the school nurse if the entire building is moving to one location. All buildings are equipped with an AED, this will be dependent upon the level of the emergency.