

Sarah Blumenthal, State of Colorado Nurse Consultant shares information on student medications.

It is illegal to send medications through the mail unless you are pharmacists or have other proper medical licensing.

Districts should be coordinating these efforts with their school nurses. Each school/district should have a protocol for returning un-used medications to the parents. During COVID_19, they should make every effort to get the medications back to the families.

You can also refer them to this link on our website: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/safeschools/schoolguidance-materialpickup>

- Consider plans for returning student medications to parents
 - Coordinate the handling of medications with the school nurse
 - Ensure that confidentiality is maintained during medication pick up
- In the event that a parent/guardian is unable to pick up materials and belongings
 - Allow parents to send a designated adult with a written note
 - Consider providing home delivery for special circumstances

The board of health has rules around medications “abandoned” by parents. Every effort should still be made to get them back to parents.

The Colorado Board of Health Rules: page 27 states:

H. Medications acquired by the school or abandoned by parents shall be disposed of in accordance with 6 CCR 1007-2, Part 1, Regulations Pertaining to Solid Waste Sites and Facilities and 6 CCR 1007-3, Parts 260-268, and Parts 99 and 100.