The Health Care District of Palm Beach County is dedicated to caring for our children by keeping students healthy and ready to learn.

In 1997 the Health Care District assisted Florida Department of Health Palm Beach
County in the administration of the new School Health program, which today staffs more than 200 registered nurses in nearly 170 public schools. Our nurses serve more than 180,000 students from pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade.

Response to COVID-19
As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County partnered with the Palm Beach County School District and the Florida Department of Health to change how our School Nurse Program provides care for students. The School Health Room has been modified to include assessment, testing, and treatment of students with suspected COVID-19 symptoms. Students continue to be provided care for non-COVID issues in designated satellite health areas.
Our Director

Charmaine Chibar, MD
Medical Director for the School Health Program,
Health Care District of Palm Beach County
Pediatrics Director, C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics

Charmaine Chibar, MD, serves as the Medical Officer for the Health Care District of Palm Beach County’s School Health Program and Pediatrics Director for the C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics.
In her role with the School Health Program for the Health Care District, Dr. Chibar oversees school nurses and technicians in public schools across Palm Beach County. The School Health program staffs more than 200 registered nurses in nearly 170 public schools.

Dr. Chibar also serves as Pediatrics Director for the C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics. The Brumback Clinics, located throughout Palm Beach County, provide comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health services to adults and children, with or without insurance.

Dr. Chibar holds a Doctor of Medicine from Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. She completed her pediatric residency training with the University of South Florida’s Department of Pediatrics at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Florida and All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Dr. Chibar’s professional affiliations include the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Palm Beach County Pediatrics Society. She is Board Certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Healthy and ready to learn

Our program gives Palm Beach County families peace of mind about the health and well-being of their children during the school day. With the School Health program, nurses coordinate with parents and qualified medical providers to manage the students’ health issues – from asthma to
food allergies.

Our School Health program serves as a model for other communities across the country. Each year the nurses provide more than 855,000 health care services to students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Along with school nurses, ten school health technicians carry out more than 136,000 student screenings for hearing, vision, scoliosis and Body Mass Index (BMI).

For many students, the school nurse is the only health care professional they see each year.

Community Partners

The School Health program has a successful and long-standing partnership with the Florida Health Palm Beach County and The School District of Palm Beach County, which promotes student and employee wellness.
School Health Program Receives “Good Catch” Award

Renee Parry, RN and School Health Supervisor, received the Health Care District’s “Good Catch” award for quality control on February 11, 2021.

A good catch is a recognition by an employee of a condition or situation that could cause an incident but did not cause one due to corrective action and timely intervention by the employee.

“School Health has made tremendous strides on entering medication variances as incident reports,” said Dr. Simone Piteo, Director of Operations for the School Health program. “The Health Care District of Palm Beach County is dedicated to caring for our children by keeping students healthy and ready to learn, and Renee exemplifies this dedication.”
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