



### **TCSE STAFF MEMORANDUM**

TO: Teachers, Paraprofessionals, and Secretaries

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We are currently implementing a new protocol for Basic First Aid Treatment for students. We will NO LONGER be applying topical treatments such as: triple antibiotic cream/ointment, Benadryl cream, hydrocortisone cream/ointment, alcohol, or peroxide.

The new Recommendation from the Illinois Department of Health is: Any product that requires FDA approval should not be administered or applied to a student unless there is a Doctor's Order. This Recommendation includes over-the-counter products and topical creams/ointments.

**The Recommended Treatment for Scratches and Open Wounds is as follows:**

1. Wash with soap and water or irrigate with saline solution.
2. Cover with Band-Aid bandage or gauze, as needed.
3. Apply ice packs to bruises and bumps, as needed.
4. If the wound is difficult to assess, please call a Nurse.

\*\*Other treatments that require FDA-approved products will be addressed according to the students' needs and the Nursing Department will handle on an individualized basis.

Thank you.