

Authority: The New Mexico Department of Health, through the medical oversight and authorization of each Regional Health Officer (RHO), provides a standing medical order for schools to stock oxygen for use in an emergency in the school. Schools should have an approved school medication and testing policy prior to the implementation of DOH standing orders.

Access and response time to EMS services should be considered. This standing order does not override any student specific prescribed medical order written by the student’s provider for oxygen therapy or use and should be a part of the Individualized Health Plan (IHP) for the student. As with any emergency, local EMS should be activated if other than routine oxygen is administered to an individual.

Provider Standing Order:

IF, in the school nurse's professional opinion, an individual in the school setting is experiencing a medical emergency requiring oxygen, the nurse should immediately activate Emergency Medical Services (EMS) by CALLING 911 or directing someone else to do so. Direct someone to call parent or guardian.

THEN the nurse is to assess the individual for respiratory distress verifying if the airway is open and noting and documenting the type and effort of breathing.

IF the airway is compromised, the nurse is to reposition the head, then recheck the airway and initiate CPR as appropriate.

IF the airway is open, the nurse is to elevate the head unless doing so compromises breathing or there is concern of a cervical-spine injury.

THEN the nurse to administer oxygen per the following dosage and frequency:



- Dosage: Max: 10 liters/minute by mask/nasal cannula with titration of flow based on professional clinical judgment or per guidance from emergency response team.
- Frequency: PRN until EMS arrives

IF the individual is awake and alert, a brief medical history should be obtained as well as consent to administer oxygen. Any alert individual receiving oxygen should be aware of the potential benefits and risks of receiving oxygen.

The school must submit an NMDOH Adverse Event Form to the Regional School Health Advocate (SHA) within 72 hours of administration of oxygen. The form can be found at:

<https://www.nmhealth.org/publication/view/form/4197/>

This NMDOH standing order for Oxygen Administration, shall remain in effect until rescinded or until July 1, 2023.

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