

# The Imperative to have a Registered Nurse in Every Virginia School

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# Virginia's Children are our Future



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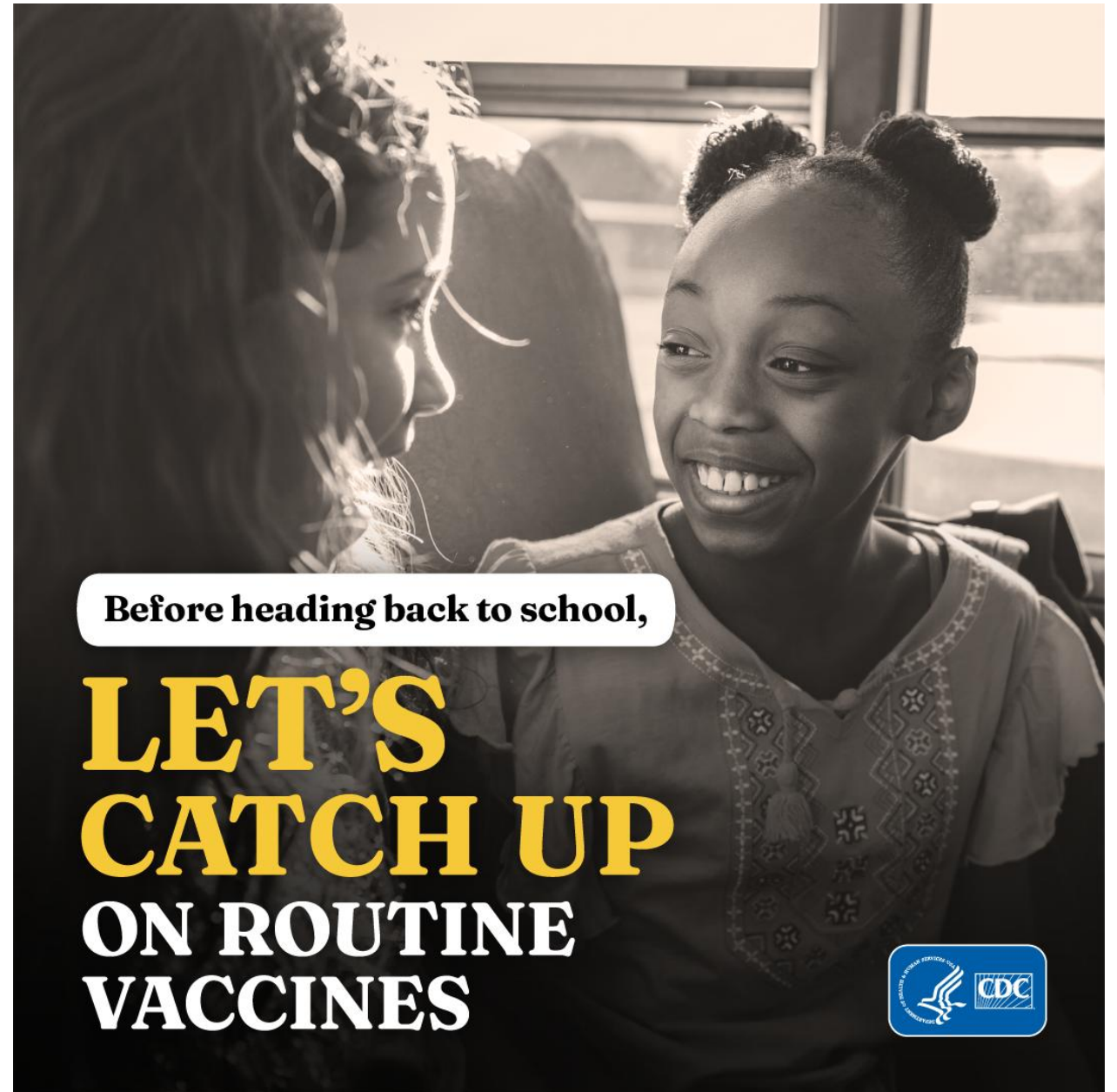


# 1. School nurses promote wellness through prevention and early intervention services



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- School nurses prevent the spread of communicable diseases



- School nurses are critical to public health response



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- School nurses conduct screenings and care coordination



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- School nurses address attendance, chronic absenteeism, and academic success

2. Schools are serving students with ever more complex and chronic health needs.



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### 3. Social conditions that contribute to poor health are more common than ever.



- Common challenges faced by school nurses in Title 1 schools

Concerns and Social Influencers	
Food Insecurity	
Insufficient resources (e.g. clothing, supplies, etc)	
Language barriers	
Mental Health (anxiety, depression, etc)	
Poor Oral Health	
Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences	
Under vaccinated/Needing to catch up on vaccines	
Access to Primary Care Provider	
Asthma	
Chronic Health Conditions	
Community Violence	
Insufficient sleep	
Parent and Student Health Literacy	
Parent Literacy	
Parental Unemployment or Underemployment	
Poor Access to Services and Support Including Specialty Healthcare Services	
Uninsured	
Vaccine noncompliance	

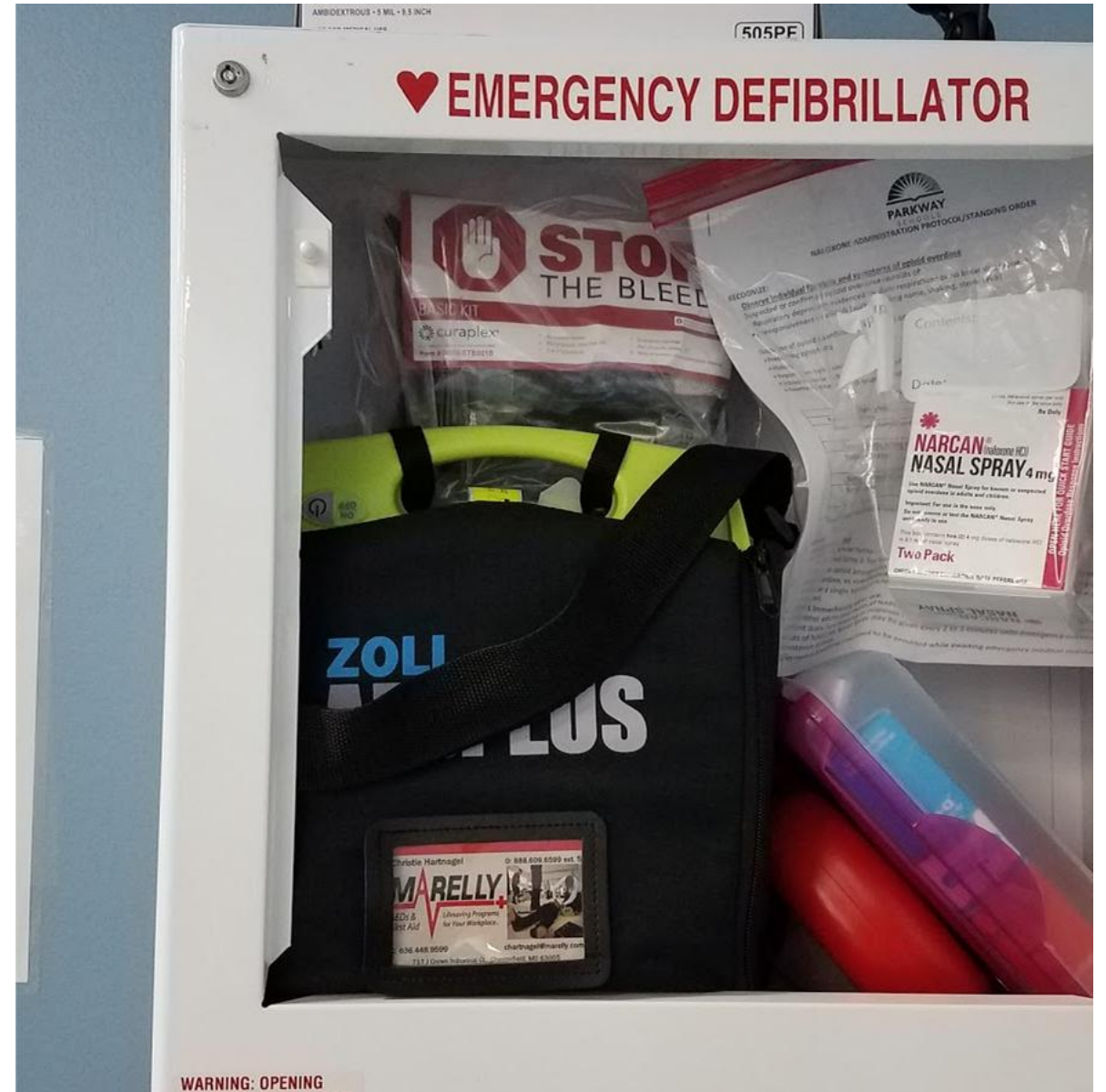
## 4. Schools are navigating rising mental health needs of students



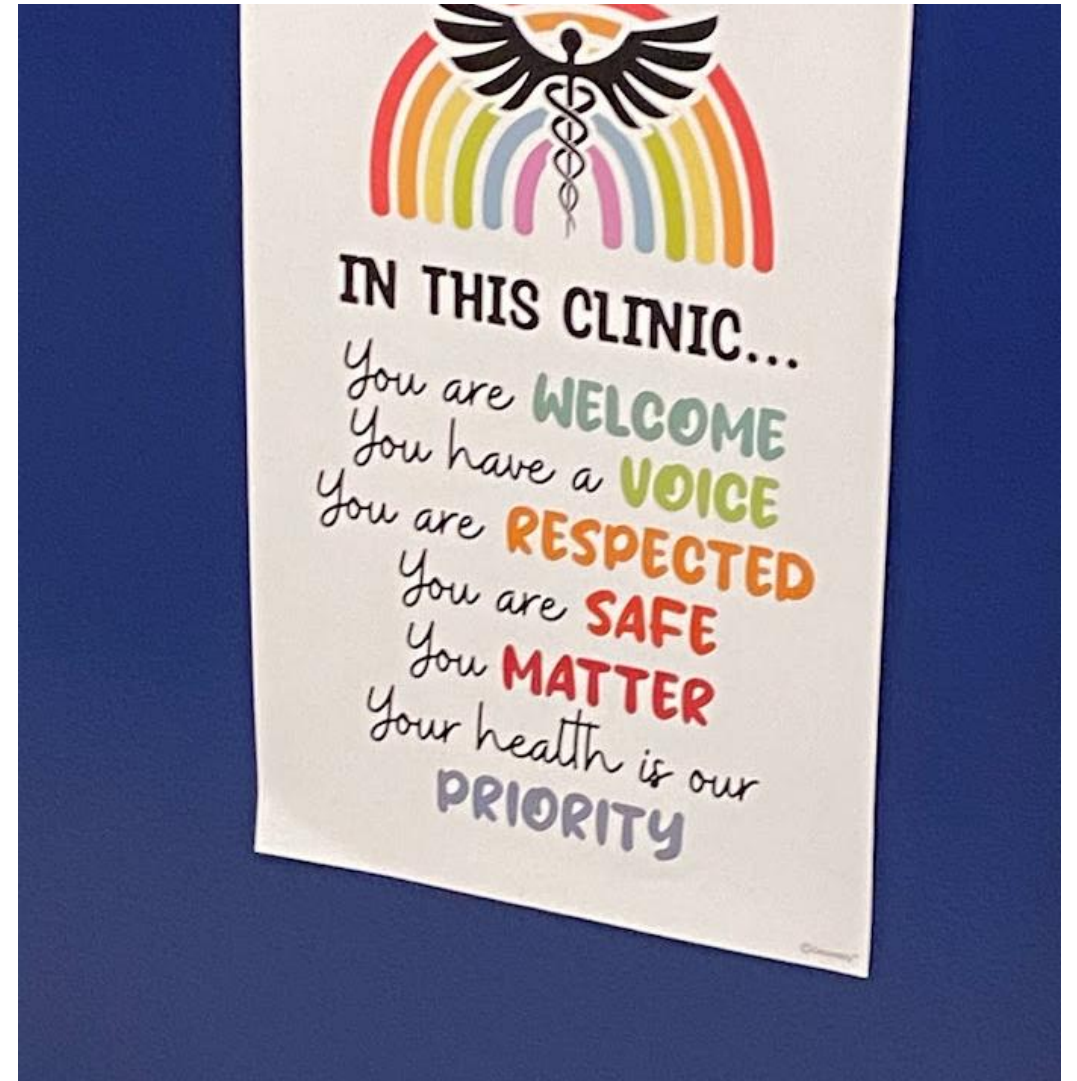
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## 5. School nurses save lives.







	Registered Nurse	Licensed Practical Nurse	Unlicensed Assistive Personnel
<b>Education</b>	Usually Bachelor's Degree or advanced degree	12 Month Certificate Program	Usually High School Diploma
<b>Independence</b>	Practices Independently	Supervision by RN, MD, or NP required	Supervised by nurse
<b>Scope of Practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Assessments</li> <li>Supervision and Training</li> <li>Develops training resources</li> <li>Community health partnerships and planning</li> <li>Participation in collaborative teams</li> <li>Emergency response</li> <li>Develops Care Plans and emergency action plans</li> <li>Only school health professional designated to perform all school health tasks without supervision</li> </ul>	Under the direction of an RN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performs nursing tasks including medication administration, first aid and health education</li> <li>Provides 1:1 Support for students with special procedures</li> </ul>	Under the direction of the nurse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducts mandated screenings</li> <li>Administers medication with supervision</li> <li>Inputs student health data</li> </ul>







# Thank you

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