



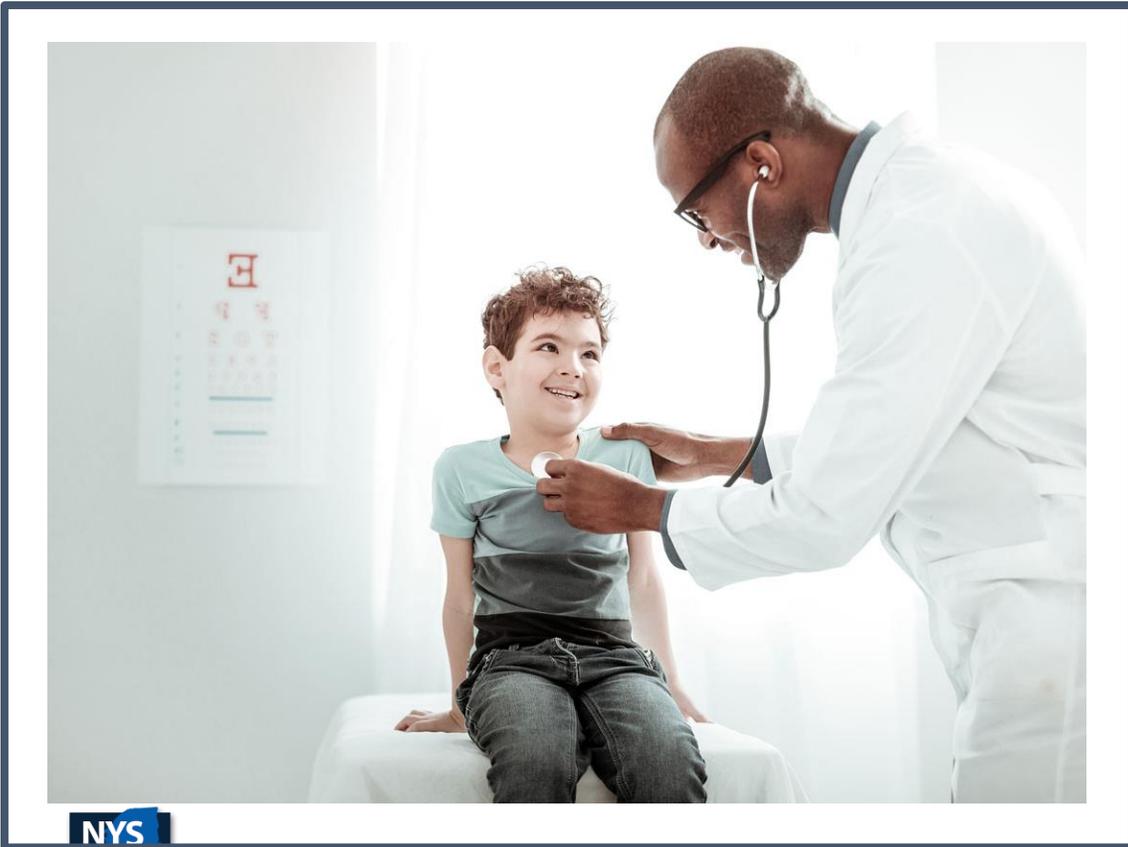
# NYSED Office of the Professions

Ensuring Access to Competent Professional Care for All New Yorkers



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# A Deep History of Protecting Public Health



**1891:**

Medicine is the first profession licensed by the Board of Regents

**Today:**

- 55 professions, including 47 health care professions
- 1,000,000 practitioners
- Over 30,000 professional practice entities

# Licensed Professionals Serve and Protect the Public

## Access to Competent Professional Services



- Licensing & professional competency are inextricably linked to educational preparation
- Access helps to ensure a healthy population & robust economy

## Public Protection Through Professional Oversight

### Key OP responsibilities:

- Issue hundreds of practice interpretations & clarifications
- Implement new laws & regulations
- Offer technical assistance on dozens of legislative proposals
- Investigate & prosecute professional misconduct & illegal practice across the state



# OP by the Numbers: 2020



New licenses issued	58,127
Registrations processed	311,543
Pharmacies, manufacturers, re-packers, wholesalers and outsourcing facilities registered	8,896
Pharmacy inspections conducted	689
Disciplinary investigations completed	4,226
Professional education programs registered	424
Individual reviews of education from non-registered programs	18,180
New filings for professional corporations	5,397
Candidates taking OP-developed licensing exams	1,848
Email/telephone inquiries answered	Over 1,000,000

# Collaboration



- COVID response
- Clinical clerkships
- Pharmacy/controlled substances
- Scopes of practice
- Physician discipline
- Practice settings

# Examples of OP Public Health Initiatives

- School Vision Health initiative: free comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses to underserved students



- COVID-19 website: informs professionals & consumers about emergency practice advisories



- Regents Legislative Priority: Healthcare Professional Data Collection bill—identify supply & demand gaps in services

- Paths to the Professions website: helps students to explore careers in the licensed professions:  
<http://www.op.nysed.gov/careers/>



# NYSED Office of Student Support Services

School Health Services



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## OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

- Two RN Staff Members assisting:
- 6100+ PreK-12 grade school buildings
- 5,100+ School nurses and medical directors
- 3,097,431 Students



## NYSED SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL

- Technical Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- NYS Center for School Health
- Health Education
- Guidance Documents
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## NYSED SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES COLLABORATIONS WITH STATE AGENCIES

- Issues include but are not limited to:
- Immunizations
- Condom Availability Programs
- Environmental Health
- Mental Health
- Diabetes and Asthma
- Substance Use
- Violence Against Nurses Law
- Refugee Health Services



# SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

School health services programs ensure students are healthy and safe, enabling them to fully participate in school

Healthy students are better learners, and academic achievement bears a lifetime of benefits for health.



# SCHOOL NURSES

- School nurses are not mandated in New York State
- Research shows that for every dollar spent on school nursing, society saves \$2.20.



# WHOLE SCHOOL, WHOLE COMMUNITY, WHOLE CHILD

The Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child is CDC's framework for addressing health in schools. The model is student-centered and emphasizes the role of the community in supporting the school, the connections between health and academic achievement and the importance of evidence-based school policies and practices.



# IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON STUDENTS

- The pandemic has negatively affected academic growth, widening pre-existing disparities. In core subjects like math and reading, there are worrisome signs that in some grades students might be falling behind pre-pandemic expectations.
- COVID-19 appears to have deepened the impact of disparities in access and opportunity facing many students of color, including technological and other barriers.
- Even before the pandemic, English Language Learners struggled to participate on equal terms in the classroom as they confronted the dual challenge of mastering grade-level content while continuing to learn English. Learning from home made that challenge even more difficult
- For students with disabilities, COVID-19 has disrupted the education and related aids and services needed to support their academic progress
- LGBTQ students have faced heightened risks for anxiety and stress and have lost access to supportive peers, teachers and school staff.
- Many students have experienced challenges to their mental health and well-being, many have lost access to school-based services, and supports.



# COVID-19 TRAUMA EFFECTS ON SOCIETY

- Economic Impact on Families
- Food Insecurity
- Increase in Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
- Loss and Grief
- Racial Unrest
- Mask vs. Anti- Mask
- Vaccine vs. Anti-Vaccine