



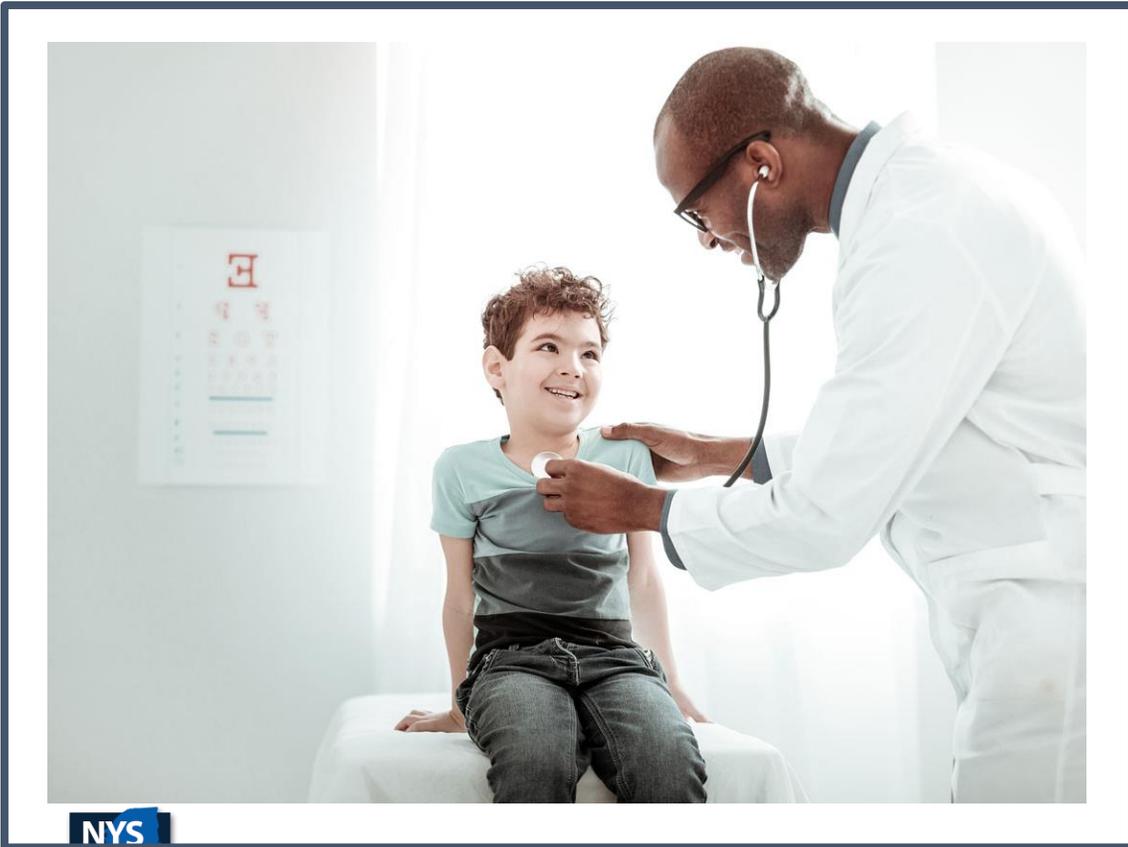
NYSED Office of the Professions

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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- Guidance



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