

Synod Journey Health Issues

Health issues are often a concern on a lengthy trip, especially when caring for a young person that is not your own child. Should a sore throat be checked by a doctor? Should a twisted ankle get an x-ray? In case of emergency, 911 should always be called first. But for lesser issues such as minor cuts, wondering if a heat related issue needs additional care, or other minor playground type accidents that are beyond a kiss and a band-aid but not requiring a 911 call, the leadership of the Synod Journey is here to support you in your decision on how best to treat health concerns.

Travel and Galveston

During the synod portion of the Journey (June 23-27 until you receive your Gathering wristband in Houston, and on our return to Minnesota July 1-2), please call leadership in this order (until you reach someone):

If you are traveling or at a work site, contact your Bus Captain

Patti Maguire:	218-341-6821
Catherine Anderson:	218-310-8528
David Anderson:	218-838-8202
Kory Cease:	218-256-6457
Laura Anderson:	218-348-8095
Deb Westerberg:	218-213-5170

Synod leadership will always err on the side of taking someone to the emergency room if there is any question on whether or not a participant needs further treatment. But in many cases, we can seek advice from professionals and help you think through a course of action that could save the time and cost of an unnecessary trip to the ER.

Houston

While in Houston, the first call you make should be to the Info Line number on your wristband. The Safety and Security Team at the Gathering is trained for any type of health concern and will assist you from there. If it is an emergency, call 911, then call the Info Line. The Safety and Security Team will be able to direct you to the best hospital for Gathering participants.

Health and Safety Reminders:

- Each adult leader should carry a First Aid Kit with them at all times.
- Health and Release Forms should be carried by an adult leader at all times. All group members should know where they are located. If you have multiple adult leaders, it is recommended that each adult leader carry a set of Health and Release Forms.
- It is recommended that Adult Leaders collect and disburse all prescribed medications taken by youth. Keep medications in a safe, secure location. Discuss with parent(s) how prescribed and over the counter medications will be handed and disbursed.