

LETTER TO PARENTS REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

TO: Parents of Children Entering Preschool, Kindergarten, Grades 1-8
FROM: School Health Clinic
DATE: _____
SUBJECT: Immunizations

In order to attend school in September, your child must have completed the following immunizations which are required under Ohio Law Sections 3313.671 and 3701.13 of the Ohio Revised Code:*

- Four (4) immunizations against DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough). If received before 4th birthday, a fifth dose is required.
- Three (3) immunizations against Polio (Poliomyelitis). If third dose was received before 4th birthday, a fourth dose is required.
- The rules for the new Hepatitis B school law require that all students in grades K-9 show evidence of having received three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine; the second dose must be given at least 28 days after the first dose, and the third dose at least 8 weeks after the second dose and at least 16 weeks after the first dose. Students "in the process" of receiving the series may be admitted to school, but must be monitored by school staff to ensure that other doses in the series are received.
- Two (2) Measles (Rubeola) vaccines - first dose must be received after the 1st birthday and the second dose at least 28 days later.
- Two (2) Rubella (German Measles) vaccines - first dose should be received after the 1st birthday, second dose at least 28 days later.
- Two (2) Mumps vaccines - first dose must be received after the 1st birthday and the second dose at least 28 days later.
OR
Two (2) doses of MMR [Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella (German Measles)] vaccine are required. The first dose must have been received on or after the 1st birthday and the second dose at least 28 days after the first dose.
- Beginning 2008-2009 school year, the Varicella vaccine will be required for K-2 entry.

A tuberculin skin test to determine if your child has been exposed tuberculosis is highly recommended but not required.

According to Section 3313.671, on the 15th day after school entrance it will be necessary to exclude all students from school who do not meet the above requirements.

Medical authorities and school educators urge that every child have a complete medical examination before entering school in order that defects, if present, may be corrected and the child be physically ready to accept all the advantages which education has to offer.

Since the school nurse is required to check the records of all new entrants for compliance with immunization requirements, please have your physician complete the attached School Entrance Medical Record and return it no later than August 1st to:

If you have any questions, please contact me directly or the building principal.

*NOTE: Exceptions are provided for under the law. This can be discussed with the school nurse.

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Immunizations Summary for Child Care, Head Start, Pre-School and School Attendance

VACCINES	<i>FALL 2008</i> IMMUNIZATIONS FOR CHILD CARE/HEAD START AND PRE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	<i>FALL 2008</i> IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT or any combination.	Kindergarten 5 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT, or any combination, if the fourth dose was administered prior to the 4 th birthday Grades 1-12 * 3-4 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT or Td or any combination.
POLIO	3 doses of OPV or IPV or any combination of OPV or IPV.	K-12 4 doses if a combination of OPV or IPV was administered. 4 doses of all OPV or all IPV is required if the third dose of either vaccine was administered prior to the 4 th birthday.
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	1 dose of MMR administered on or after the first birthday	K-12 2 doses of MMR. Dose 1 must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after dose 1.
Hib Haemophilus influenzae Type b	3 or 4 doses depending on the vaccine type and the age when the child began the 1 st dose and the last dose is after 12 months or 1 dose if given on or after 15 months of age	None
HEP B Hepatitis B	3 doses of Hepatitis B	K-9 3 doses of Hepatitis B. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose), must not be administered before age 24 weeks. Grades 10-12 Hepatitis B not required
Varicella (Chickenpox)	None	K-2 1 dose of varicella vaccine must be administered on or after the first birthday

*A student who is age 7 or older, and who received Td or Tdap vaccine as the third part of the immunization series, shall not be required to receive further doses of diphtheria, tetanus, or pertussis vaccine.

NOTES:

- The 4 day "grace" period applies to all age and interval minimums. If MMR and varicella have not been given on the same day they must be separated by 28 days with no grace period.
- The 5th dose of DTaP, DTP or DT, and 4th dose of Polio will not be required until Kindergarten. At Kindergarten, these doses will be required if the 4th DTaP and 3rd Polio were administered prior to the 4th birthday.
- The Hepatitis B and Varicella requirements will be progressive.
- Only full doses of vaccine using proper intervals shall be counted as valid doses.
- For additional information please refer to the Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-37 for Child Care, Head Start, Pre-School and the Ohio Revised Code 3313.67 and 3313.671 for School Attendance. These documents require certain immunizations as well as provides for certain exemptions to immunizations.