

LETTER TO PARENTS REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

TO: Parents of Transfer Students
FROM: School Health Clinic
DATE: _____
SUBJECT: Immunizations

In order to attend school, your daughter/son 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, Pertussis). If fourth dose was received before 4th birthday, a fifth dose is required.

Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, and progressively thereafter, one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis, adolescent and adult formulation) or Td (Tetanus and diphtheria, adult) vaccine shall be required prior to entry into the seventh(7th) grade. This dose is intended to be administered as a booster dose for students who have completed the required doses of the initial series of DTaP/DT/Td vaccine.

- Receipt of at least three (3) doses of OPV or IPV individually is required: if all OPV or all IPV are received. If the third dose was received prior to the fourth birthday, a fourth dose is required. If any combination of IPV or OPV were received, four doses of either vaccine are required.

Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, and progressively thereafter, for all pupils entering Kindergarten four (4) doses of any combination, of OPV or IPV is required, the final dose of polio vaccine must have been administered on or after the fourth birthday, regardless of the number of previous doses.

- Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine is required for all students in grades K-11. 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. This requirement is progressive, therefore extended to students in grades K-12 in 2011/2012.
- 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.
- In the 2010-2011 school year, one (1) dose of Varicella vaccine will be required for grades 1-4 entry. This requirement is progressive, therefore extended to students in grades 2-5 in 2011, 3-6 in 2012, etc.

Beginning with the start of the 2010-2011 school year, and progressively thereafter, all children entering Kindergarten are required to have two (2) doses of varicella vaccine. The first (1st) dose of vaccine must be given on or after the child's first (1st) birthday, and the second (2nd) dose at least 28 days following the first dose.

A tuberculin skin test to determine if your child has been exposed to 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. Please fill in the attached form stating your intent with regard to this examination.

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

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