

LETTER TO PARENTS REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

TO: Parents of Children Entering Kindergarten
FROM: School Health Clinic
DATE: _____
SUBJECT: Immunizations

In order to attend school in August, 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) or more doses of DTaP or DT, or any combination. If the fourth dose is properly spaced and administered after the 4th birthday, a 5th dose is not required.
- Receipt of at least three (3) doses of Polio (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, 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;. 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. The last dose in the series (3rd or 4th) must not be administered before 24 weeks of age.
- 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 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. The second (2nd) dose should be administered at least three (3) months after dose 1; however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.

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's 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.

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's nurse.

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