

February 20, 2018

Dear Parents:

I am writing to inform you about the State Health Department requirements for all children **entering Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> grade or who are new students**. All students must receive a physical exam from a physician and a Health History should be completed by a parent. Please schedule your child's appointment, so that their immunizations can be completed by the start of school in August 2018.

The examination should be completed as soon as possible by a private physician or at a medical clinic. Physicians are also available through a clinic at the County Health Department. For information about clinic locations and scheduled dates call:  
(812) 435-5997 or (812) 435-5701.

Proof of immunization for polio (OPV), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), and measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) is required for all students. *Minimum immunizations required* by Indiana Public Law are:

- **5** doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria -tetanus vaccine (DT) (4 doses are acceptable if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose).
- **4** doses of any combination of IPV or OPV, but the final dose must be administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and be administered at least 6 months after the previous dose.  
**3** doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the third dose was given on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose with only **ONE type of vaccine used (all OPV or all IPV)**
- **3** doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age).
- **2** doses of MMR vaccine on or after the first birthday.
- **2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine on or after the first birthday separated by age-appropriate interval or physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 10<sup>th</sup> grade.**
- **2** doses of Hepatitis A is required. The minimal interval between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is 6 calendar months.
- **1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular-pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given on or after 10 years of age.**
- **1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4).**

Required immunizations are available at the Health Department Immunization Clinics. Please call the Health Department at (812)435-5997 for an updated listing of the clinic dates. A parent/guardian must accompany the child to sign consent forms. (Another adult may accompany child but **MUST** have written permission from the parent/guardian to sign immunization consent form.) *Bring insurance information, if applicable, as well as previous immunization records to the clinic.*

Sincerely,

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**\*\*The physical examination record and the health history record should be returned to school no later than the first school day of the 2018-2019 school year.**