

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 all four (4) doses were given before the fourth birthday, a fifth dose (5) is required. If the fourth dose was administered at least six months after the third dose, and on or after the 4th birthday, a fifth (5) dose is not required.
- Three (3) or more doses of Polio (IPV). The FINAL dose must be administered on or after the 4th birthday regardless of the number of doses. If a combination of IPV or OPV was received, four (4) doses of either vaccine are required.
- Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine. The second dose must be given 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 (3rd or 4th) must not be administered before 24 weeks of age.
- Two (2) doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) 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.
- Two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine. The first (1st) dose of vaccine must be given on or after the first (1st) birthday. The second (2nd) dose should be administered at least three (3) months after dose one (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.

The school clinic staff is required to check the records of all new entrants for compliance with immunization requirements. Please have your physician complete the attached Physical Examination form and return it along with a copy of the child's Immunization record no later than August 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact the school clinic or the building principal.

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