

## LETTER TO PARENTS REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

**TO:** Parents of Children Entering Preschool  
**FROM:** School Health Clinic  
**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SUBJECT:** Immunizations

Effective March 19, 2015 Ohio Law Section 5104.014 of the Ohio Revised Code was changed and now requires that all Day Care/Preschool age children are to be immunized according to the *Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old* from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP). In order to attend Preschool, your child is required to have received the following immunizations:

- ☐ Four (4) doses of DTap, DTP of DT or any combination (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis).
- ☐ Three (3) doses of OPV or IPV (Polio) or any combination of OPV or IPV.
- ☐ Three (3) 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>) must not be administered before 24 weeks of age.
- ☐ One (1) dose of MMR [Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella (German Measles)] is required. The first dose must have been received on or after the 1st birthday.
- ☐ Three (3) or Four (4) doses of HIB depending on the vaccine and the age when started. One (1) dose if given at or after 15 months of age.
- ☐ One (1) dose of Varicella (Chicken Pox) is required. The first dose must have been received on or after the first birthday.

**The following Immunizations are Required beginning the 2015-16 School Year:**

- ☐ Two (2) doses of Hepatitis A vaccine are required. The first dose of Hep A vaccine should be given between 12 months and 23 months of age. The second dose should be given 6 to 18 months after the first dose. Hep A vaccination may be given to any child aged 2 years and older who has not already received the Hep A vaccine separated by 6 to 16 months.
- ☐ Three (3) or Four (4) doses of Prevnar (PCV) depending on the vaccine and the age when started. One (1) dose if given after 24 months of age.
- ☐ Annual Influenza vaccine.

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. The school district or individual school administration determines if the exclusion rule will be enforced.

The State of Ohio regulations for Preschool require that all children must have an **annual** physical examination in order to attend Preschool. A copy of the child's immunization record should accompany the medical statement/physical. *The medical statement shall include a component where a parent or guardian may indicate that the parent or guardian has declined to have the child immunized or they may submit an immunization exemption form indicating which immunizations they have declined.* \*

Since the school's nurse is required to check the records of all new entrants for compliance with immunization and physical examination requirements, please return it to the School Clinic by the first day of school.

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

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