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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has revised the immunization requirements for students effective the 2017-2018 school year (Subchapter C cited in 22 Pa. Code section 11.20, and 22 Pa. Code section 51.1). This revision replaces the 8-month provisional period for immunizations with the new requirement of a 5-day provisional period for students who do not have records of immunizations at the start of the required school year.

Prior to August, 2017, a parent had 8 months to complete all required immunizations. This period is called provisional enrollment.

Beginning August, 2017, the provisional enrollment period is 5 days. A parent must have all immunizations of their child completed within the first 5 days of school. If they are not completed within those 5 days, the student must be excluded from school.

If the student is in the middle of a series and it is too soon for the next dose, the parents must provide the school nurse with a plan for immunizations (signed by a health care provider) within the first 5 days of school. If the student has incomplete immunizations and no medical plan, the student must be excluded from school.

These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reasons, religious beliefs, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school in the event of an outbreak.

For your information, the following immunizations are needed for school attendance. Note that changes from the current requirements are highlighted.

Children in ALL Grades (K-12) need the following immunizations for attendance:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (*1 dose on or after 4th birthday*) (Tdap)

- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given) (IPV)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B (Hep B)
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity (history of chickenpox or antibody titer)

7th through 12th Grade ADDITIONAL immunization requirements for attendance:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- 2 doses meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)
 - first dose prior to entry into 7th grade
 - a second dose is required at age 16 or prior to entry into 12th grade

If the student has already received the first dose after age 16, only one dose is required.

You may check your child's school immunization record by consulting with your child's physician. Please contact your school nurse with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

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