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To: Parent/Guardian  
From: John Capasso, Superintendent *goc*  
Re: Legal Requirements for Enrollment - Birth Certificates and Health Exams/Immunizations  
Date: August 18, 2016

Please allow this memo to serve as a friendly reminder that students in Illinois public schools must meet certain requirements for presenting birth certificates (first-time students), and documentation for health examinations and immunizations. **By law, a birth certificate must be presented to school authorities within thirty (30) days of enrollment, and health exams and immunizations must be documented with the school nursing staff no later than October 15, to avoid exclusion from school.**

### **Birth Certificate**

A parent enrolling a student in school for the first time must present certified proof of the student's live birth, by means of a birth certificate or other reliable proof of birth.

### **Health Exam**

A parent must present proof of a student having had a health examination within one (1) year of entering school for the first time (early childhood special education, at-risk pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or 1<sup>st</sup> grade), entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. A student must be screened for lead as part of the health exam required to enter kindergarten.

### **Dental/Eye Exams & Diabetes Screening**

A parent must also present proof of a student having had a dental exam no more than eighteen (18) months before May 15<sup>th</sup> of the kindergarten year, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade year; and an eye exam, performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, within twelve (12) months of the first day of kindergarten.

It is also recommended that a student be screened for diabetes before entering school.

### **Immunizations** (see attachment)

### **MCV4**

A two (2)-shot meningitis (MCV4) vaccine is now mandatory. The first administration is needed for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade; the second, for those entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Only one (1) shot is required if given to a student aged 16 or older. A review of health files for 12<sup>th</sup> graders has revealed that only a few seniors are in compliance with this new law. If you believe your senior son/daughter has had the proper immunization, we ask that you contact the clinic and ask that a copy of the documentation be forwarded to the school nurse.

Parents may find their children's school health requirements confusing. That is perfectly understandable. The nursing staff is always happy to discuss the issues on request. Nurses can be reached by calling a school's office. As always, cooperation is appreciated! Thank you!

Attach.

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## Minimum Immunization Requirements for Those Entering a Child Care Facility or School in Illinois, Fall-2016 (Page 1)

Vaccine Requirement	Child Care Facility, Preschool, Early Childhood Pre-Kindergarten Programs	Kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Minimum Intervals Allowed Between Doses and <i>Other Options</i> for Proof of Immunity
		First Entry into School (Kindergarten or First Grade)	Other Grades	
DTP/DTaP/ or Tdap, Td (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	Three doses by 1 year of age  One additional booster dose by 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday	Four or more doses of DTP/DTaP with the last dose qualifying as a booster and received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Three or more doses of DTP/DTaP or Td; with the last dose qualifying as a booster if received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday  For Students entering 6 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup> grades: 1 dose of Tdap	Minimum interval between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days) Between series and booster: 6 months <i>No proof of immunity allowed</i>
Polio	Two doses by 1 year of age.  One additional dose by 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday	Four or more doses of the same type of Polio vaccine with the last dose qualifying as a booster and received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. (progressive requirement)	Three or more doses of Polio with the last dose qualifying as a booster and received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. *If the series is given in any combination of polio vaccine types, 4 or more doses are required with the last being a booster on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	Minimum interval between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days) For Grade K: 6 month interval between 3 dose series and booster; booster must be on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday <i>No proof of immunity allowed</i>
Measles	One dose on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday but prior to 24 months of age	Two doses of Measles Vaccine, the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose must have been received on after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.		Laboratory evidence of measles immunity <i>OR</i> Certified physician verification* of measles disease by date of illness <b>*Cases diagnosed after 7/1/2002 must include lab evidence of infection</b>
Rubella	One dose on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday but prior to 24 months of age	Two doses of Rubella Vaccine, the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose must have been received on after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.		Laboratory evidence of rubella immunity <b>History of disease is not acceptable proof of immunity to rubella</b>
Mumps	One dose on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday but prior to 24 months of age	Two doses of Mumps Vaccine, the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose must have been received on after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.		Laboratory evidence of mumps immunity <i>OR</i> Certified physician verification of mumps disease by date of illness
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Refer to Hib ACIP recs for schedule for series Children 24-59 mos. without series must have one dose after 15 mos. of age	Not required after the 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday (60 months of age)		Refer to ACIP Hib vaccination schedule  <i>No proof of immunity allowed</i>
Invasive Pneumococcal Disease	Refer to PCV ACIP recs for schedule for series Children 24-59 mos. without series must have one dose after 24 months of age	Not required after the 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday (60 months of age)		Refer to ACIP PCV vaccination schedule  <i>No proof of immunity allowed</i>

## Minimum Immunization Requirements for Those Entering a Child Care Facility or School in Illinois, Fall-2016 (Page 2)

Vaccine Requirement	Child Care Facility, Preschool, Early Childhood Pre-Kindergarten Programs	Kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Minimum Intervals Allowed Between Doses and <i>Other Options for Proof of Immunity</i>
		First Entry into School (Kindergarten or First Grade)	All Other Grades	
Hepatitis B	<p>Three doses for all children</p> <p>Third dose must have been administered on or after 6 months of age (168 days)</p>	No Requirements	<p>For Students entering grades 6 thru 12:</p> <p>Three doses hepatitis B vaccine administered at recommended intervals</p>	<p>Minimum intervals between doses:                      1 &amp; 2- at least 4 weeks (28 days)                      2 &amp; 3 - at least 2 months (56 days)                      1 &amp; 3 - at least 4 months (112 days)  <i>Laboratory evidence of prior or current infection</i></p>
Varicella (progressive requirement)	One dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	<p>Two doses of Varicella Vaccine, for Students entering Kindergarten or first grade</p> <p>The 1<sup>st</sup> dose must have been received on after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.</p>	<p>One dose of Varicella on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday for Students entering grades 3, 4, 5, &amp; 12</p> <hr/> <p>Two doses of Varicella Vaccine for Students entering grades 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, &amp; 11</p>	<p>Minimum intervals for administration: The 1<sup>st</sup> dose must have been received on after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.  <i>Statement from physician or health care provider verifying disease history OR Laboratory evidence of varicella immunity</i></p>
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (progressive requirement)	No Requirements	No Requirements	<p>Applies to Students entering grades 6, 7, or 12 beginning 2016-2017 school year</p> <p>1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine for entry to grade 6 or 7</p> <p>2 doses of Meningococcal vaccine at entry to 12<sup>th</sup> grade</p>	<p>Minimum intervals for administration:                      The first dose received on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday; second dose at least eight weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose.                      Only one dose is required if the first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.  <i>No proof of immunity allowed.</i></p>

Source: Child Health Examination Code/Part 665

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