

Dear Families of Incoming 6th Graders for the 2020-2021 School Year:

It is important for you to know the legal health requirements for students entering 6th grade, as determined by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health. **All required physical and immunization forms are due no later than October 15, 2020.** This communication allows families ample and advanced opportunity to meet these legal requirements and exclusion will not occur without prior notice.

1. **Physical Examination:** Physical examinations are required of all students entering 6th grade and must be completed within one year prior to the first day of school (August 24, 2020). This physical exam must be recorded on the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form. **Parents must complete the health history section at the top of page two and sign it.** Documentation of the following must be included in the physical exam:
 - a. **All sections of the form must be completed and documented. Incomplete forms will be considered non-compliant and returned for completion.**
 - b. **Required immunizations for 6th grade:**
 - i. **DTaP/DTP/Td:** Three or more doses of DTP/DTaP or Td; with the last dose qualifying as a booster if received on or after the 4th birthday
 - ii. **Tdap: One additional dose of Tdap for all students entering 6th grade**
 - iii. **Polio:** Three or more doses of polio with the last dose qualifying as a booster and received on or after the 4th birthday
 - iv. **MMR:** Two doses of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines; the first does must have been on or after the 1st birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later
 - v. **Varicella:** Two doses of varicella; the first dose must have been on or after the 1st birthday and the 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later
 - vi. **Hepatitis B:** Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine with minimum intervals between doses: First and second dose- at least 4 weeks (28 days), second and third dose - at least 2 months (56 days), and first and third - at least 4 months (112 days)
OR
Adult Recombivax-HB two doses separated by 4 months (112 days). Must start and finish series between 11-15 years of age
 - vii. **Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine: One dose received on or after the 11th birthday for all students entering 6th grade**
2. **Dental Examination:** Illinois law requires all students in kindergarten, second, **sixth**, and ninth grade or any new student new to Illinois schools, to have a complete dental examination **by May 15th of that school year.** The examination must have been completed within 18 months prior to the May 15th deadline. To clarify: Completed dental examination forms for the 2020-2021 school year must be dated *no earlier* than November 15, 2019.

The Certificate of Health and Dental exam forms can be found on our website (www.op97.org) under the Departments Tab and then under Health Services. If you need additional printed copies, they are available at each school. **Students that require medication during school hours must have a medication authorization form completed by a physician: this includes prescription or over-the-counter medications.** If your child has a severe allergy and/or asthma; forms titled Food Allergy Action Plan and/or Asthma Action Plan must be completed by your child's physician and submitted to the school nurse. Forms can be found on our website under the Department Tab and then under Health Services.

Please contact the nurse at your school if you have any question or require any additional information.

Vaccine Requirement	Preschool	First Entry into School (Kindergarten or 1st Grade)	Other Grades	Minimum intervals allowed between doses and other options for proof of immunity
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/ DTaP/ or Tdap, Td)	Three doses of DTP or DTaP by 1 year of age. One additional booster by 2 nd birthday	Four or more doses of DTP/DTaP with the last dose qualifying as a booster and received on or after the 4 th birthday	Students entering grade 6: one dose of Tdap Three or more doses of DTP/DTaP or Td; with last dose qualifying as a booster if received on or after 4 th birthday	Minimum interval: Between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days) Between series and booster: 6 months
Polio	Two doses by 1 year of age One additional dose by 2 nd 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 th birthday	Three or more doses of polio with the last dose qualifying as a booster if received on or after the 4 th birthday	Minimum interval between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days) For Grade K: 6-month interval between three dose series and booster; booster must be on or after 4 th birthday.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	One dose on or after the 1 st birthday	Two doses of MMR vaccine The 1 st dose on or after the 1 st birthday and the 2 nd dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later	Two doses of MMR vaccine The 1 st dose on or after the 1 st birthday and the 2 nd dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later	Minimum interval: 4 weeks (28 days) <u>Lab evidence of measles, mumps, or rubella or certified physician verification of mumps disease (only) by date of illness</u>
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	One dose on or after 1 st birthday	Two doses of varicella The 1 st dose must have been received on or after 1 st birthday, the 2 nd dose no less than four weeks (28 days) later	One dose on or after the 1 st birthday for grade 5 Two doses of varicella for students entering grades 2,3,4,6,7,8	Minimum interval: 4 weeks (28 days) Statement from physician or health care provider verifying disease history OR laboratory evidence of varicella immunity
Hepatitis B	Three doses for all children. Third dose must have been administered on or after 6 months of age (168 days)	No requirements	Students entering 6 th grade: Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine administered at recommended intervals Adult Recombivax-HB: two doses separated by 4 months (112 days). Must start and finish series between 11 – 15 years of age.	Minimum interval between doses: 1&2: at least 4 weeks ((28 days) 2&3: at least 2 months (56 days) 1&3: at least 4 months (112 days) Lab evidence of prior or current infection
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	Refer to ACIP Hib series schedule for children 24-59 month Children without series must have one dose after 15 months of age.	Not required after the 5 th birthday (60 months of age)	Not required after 5 th birthday (60 months of age)	ACIP Hib series schedule: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/hib/index.html
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV 13)	Refer to ACIP PCV series schedule for children 24-59 months Children without series must have one dose after 24 months of age	Not required after the 5 th Birthday (60 months of age)	Not required after the 5 th Birthday (60 months of age)	ACIP PCV series schedule: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hep/acip-recs/vacc-specific/pneumo.html
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine	No requirements	No requirements	Students entering 6 th grade: One dose of Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine (on or after the 11 th birthday)	Two doses of Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine at entry to 12 th grade (on or after the 16 th birthday)