

Impending Immunization Legislation for the 2016-2017 School Year

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Department of Health is proposing new legislation that may be in effect prior to the beginning of our 2016-2017 school year.

Basically, the new law will require that all students be up-to-date on their immunizations prior to the beginning of the upcoming school year.

If your student's immunizations are not up-to-date, then you will only have 5 days to get their immunizations updated or they will be excluded from attending school until they are compliant.

Please see the information listed below from the Department of Health regarding the proposed changes that will replace the current eight month provisional period:

- A child will be excluded from school attendance if they lack a single dose of a single dose vaccine and/or the first dose of a multiple dose vaccine.
- A child that needs the next or final dose of a multiple dose vaccine will be allowed five school days to obtain the next or final dose in the series before being excluded from school attendance; or
- A child needing more than one dose of a multiple-dose vaccine series beyond the five days will be allowed to attend school provisionally upon the submission of a medical certificate from the physician outlining the dates for additional vaccination.
- A school administrator must review the medical certificate outlining the dates for the needed additional vaccinations and the child's compliance at least every 30 days.
- The school administrators are allowed to exclude a child who does not comply with the scheduled dates in the submitted medical certificate from their physician.

Please contact your physician as soon as possible to make sure your child is up-to-date on their required immunizations. If you have any questions or concerns – please contact Mrs. Mariacher at 1-724-588-2500 ext. 2148. Thank you for your assistance in the completion of the mandated immunizations for your child.

Sincerely,

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