

NEW IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED SEPTEMBER 2008

There are several new immunization requirements issued by the N J Department of Health that are effective September 1, 2008. Please carefully read the information below. If you have any questions, call the nurse at your child's school.

1. Requirements for Students Attending Grade Six as of September 1, 2008

A. Tdap Vaccine (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)

All students born on or after January 1, 1997 AND entering or attending Grade Six on or after September 1, 2008 must receive one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine. This vaccine dose must be given no earlier than the 10th birthday.

B. Meningococcal Vaccine

All students born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending Grade Six on or after September 1, 2008 must receive one dose of meningococcal vaccine such as the medically preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

ATTENTION 5th GRADE PARENTS:

If the immunization(s) has been given, please present the documentation as soon as possible to the school nurse. If not, schedule an appointment today to have the vaccine(s) given. Don't wait until the last minute as appointments with your healthcare provider may be difficult to schedule.

2. Additional Requirements for Entering Pre-School Students in September 2008

In addition to the regular schedule of required immunizations for entrance into Preschool on or after September 1, 2008, the NJ Department of Health has added two new requirements:

- A. **Influenza Vaccine** is required to be given between September 1st and December 31st for all children attending any preschool or day care facility through age 59 months. This applies to public school preschool classes.
- B. One dose of **Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)** given on or after the first birthday is now required for all preschool students prior to entrance.

3. Additional Requirements for Students entering from Out of State or Out of Country as of September 1, 2008

A. Tdap Vaccine (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)

All students born on or after January 1, 1997 and transferring into a NJ school from another state or country must receive an additional dose of Tdap, provided at least five years have elapsed since the last dose of Td.

B. Meningococcal Vaccine

All students born on or after January 1, 1997 and transferring into a NJ school from another state or country must receive one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

Parents must provide documentation that these vaccines have been received in order to attend school as of September 1, 2008. Any student not satisfying the requirement will not be admitted to school.