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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year. With the new year comes the requirement for students to have the recommended vaccinations depending on their age. If vaccinations are not completed by the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the school year your child may be at risk for exclusion from school. Please ensure to contact your primary medical care provider to have these completed.

Below are the most common vaccinations necessary to keep your kids up to date.

- **Preschool/Kindergarten (ages 4-6):** Dtap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis), Varicella, MMRV (Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella), and Polio
- **Upper Elementary to Middle and High School (ages 10-18):** Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis), HPV (Human Papiloma Virus), and Meningococcal
- **Everyone:** Flu

In effort to eliminate duplication of service and better serve those with the greatest need, the Rock County Public Health Department will refer anyone with insurance coverage to their primary medical care provider. Benefits of having a medical home and obtaining all care from a primary medical care provider whenever possible include: illnesses are identified before they worsen, care is coordinated, management of non-emergency illnesses, and provision of sound advice.

Although we have provided immunizations in the past, anyone who has insurance that covers vaccines, including Medicare and Medicaid, should contact their primary medical care provider to obtain immunizations. This typically requires an appointment with only their nurse or medical assistant, and not a visit with the doctor.

The Rock County Public Health Department will continue to provide vaccinations for anyone who does not have insurance or whose insurance does not cover the required vaccinations. Please call the number on the back of your insurance card to verify coverage of vaccinations before contacting your medical provider or the public health department for an appointment. This is part of a national effort to have everyone establish a medical home and to utilize scarce resources in the most efficient manner.

Yours in Health,

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Health Officer/Director