

TVS Parents,

Welcome to Trinity Valley School! Before we dive into Summer, we wanted to give you an idea of what health documents will be required for the 2021-22 school year. Effective this school year, we are excited to introduce our new electronic student medical record software called Magnus Health, which will allow you to upload records straight from your phone. Stay tuned for further information about Magnus Health and your login information which will be sent to you in mid-June. **Please don't send anything in at this time.**

To help us prepare for the arrival of your child and to understand your child's health needs, please begin gathering the following documents:

1. Copy of your child's immunization record

An updated copy must be provided each time they receive immunizations. If these records are not on file prior to the beginning of school, a student may be asked to stay out of school and will be unable to participate in field trips and other activities until the records have been submitted. This is required by the state of Texas. To access the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) required immunization schedule, please visit:

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/pdf/6-14-2020-2021-MinReq K-12 01-2020final.pdf

Please review the Trinity Valley School immunization policy (at the end of this document) and let us know if any questions.

2. Yearly Physical or Wellness Statement

A statement or report from your child's doctor stating that your child has been examined within the last year and is <u>able to participate in school</u>, including PE, field trips, and other activities. Any form your physician uses to convey this statement is acceptable. A sports physical also satisfies this requirement <u>(see attached form)</u>. (Sports physicals are required for students in grades 7-12 who plan to participate in athletics). *Students will not be allowed to participate in PE classes or athletics until this requirement has been satisfied*. A physician statement or preparticipation physical is valid for 12 months.

Don't wait until the end of summer, call and schedule an appointment with your pediatrician if your child has not been seen within the past 12 months.

Prescription medications, Asthma, or Allergies:

- If your child has a severe allergy or other medical condition, please contact us and we can arrange a time to meet and discuss prior to the first day of school.
- If your child will need a prescription medication at school, has asthma, and/or has a severe allergy (food, latex, insect sting), please have their physician complete the appropriate form(s).) (<u>PK-12 Severe Allergy Form</u>) and <u>PK-12 Food Allergy Health</u> <u>History Form</u>)
- All prescription medications must be administered in the nurse's office.



• If your child has asthma and occasionally requires a rescue inhaler or breathing treatment, we are also happy to administer it if we have the signed prescription medication form from your physician. (Asthma Action Plan)

Antibiotics:

• If your child is on an antibiotic at any time during the year that is to be taken three times a day, we can certainly administer it if we have the bottle from the pharmacy with the physician's instructions.

Over-the-counter medications:

- Over-the-counter medications (generic equivalent) are available for your child during the school day, if you have approved the medication in Magnus Health. You will be able to access this once you receive your login access in June. For our youngest students, we will still contact you before administering any medications to be sure that they didn't already have it at home.
- If at any time you would like your child to receive an over-the-counter medication that we do not keep stocked in the clinic, you may bring it by with their name and dosing information including times to be administered.

Thank you for your time and patience in completing these important medical documents. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us directly. We are thrilled to care for your child and keep them safe while at TVS! Have a wonderful summer; we look forward to meeting you!

Stay healthy and well,

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Immunization Policy

All students entering, attending or transferring to Trinity Valley School must be fully vaccinated based on the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) requirement immunization schedule. To access the TDSHS's required immunization schedule for students, please visit: http://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/school-requirements.aspx

Immunization Requirements

Acceptable records and/or documentation include:

1) Original immunization record or photocopy that includes the signature or stamp of a physician or physician's representative validating the record.

2) An official immunization record from a state or local health authority.

3) An official record received from school officials, including records from another state. Serologic confirmations of immunity measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, or varicella or serologic confirmations of immune response are acceptable in lieu of vaccine. Additionally, with regard to varicella (chicken pox) only, a written statement from a parent or legal guardian, school nurse or physician attesting to a child's positive history of varicella disease or varicella immunity is acceptable in lieu of a vaccine record for that disease. DSHS Form: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/c-9.pdf

Exemptions

Exclusion from compliance is allowable for documented medical reasons if the vaccine required would be harmful or injurious to the health and well-being of the child (documented allergic reaction, adverse reaction, or documented immunosuppression). In order to claim medical exemption, a student must have an annual written letter from his or her licensed medical physician (MD, DO) from a US accredited medical school stating that the required vaccines would be medically contraindicated and why. This letter must be updated annually prior to the start of the school year.

Influenza Vaccination:

Trinity Valley School strongly recommends that all students and members of the faculty and staff receive an annual influenza vaccine.