

Letter to incoming 6th grade students from Portola Middle School Health Office

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The following information is for you to get a head start on making sure your child will be up to date with their immunizations. These mandates will need to be completed before the end of this upcoming school year and it's always easier to get them done and out of the way.

Under a new California law, vaccines required for school may no longer be excused due to personal beliefs, including religious beliefs. Personal beliefs exemptions that have already been filed for students in grades K (including transitional kindergarten) through 6th grade remain valid until the student reaches 7th grade. All medical exemptions are only valid through 6th grade. In order for your child to start 7th grade, you will need to bring documentation showing your child has received the following vaccines:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP,DTP, Tdap, TD), 5 doses** (4 doses OK if one was given on or after the 4th birthday. 3 doses OK if one was given on or after the 7th birthday. This includes 1 dose of Tdap at 7 years of age or older.
- **Polio (OPV or IPV) 4 doses.** (3 doses OK if one was given on or after the 4th birthday).
- **MMR-2 doses** (Both given on or after 1st birthday).
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)-2 doses**

These vaccines needed for school entry are also doctor-recommended vaccines. Please contact your child's doctor right away about these vaccines. Students entering 7th grade who do not meet the immunization requirements will not be able to attend school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Health Office at Portola Middle School
At (714) 997-6361 ex 3950

Sincerely,

Jackie Miller

Portola Middle School

Health Clerk