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Public Health
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Re: School Entry Requirements

Dear Parents:

The Carroll County School Health Program is a joint endeavor of the Carroll County Board of Education and the Carroll County Health Department. It is our goal to work with all parents and guardians in the county to keep our children safe and healthy in an environment which enables them to achieve their full potential. We want to remind you of several **requirements for school entry**:

1. A **physical examination is required,** and a **dental visit strongly recommended** before your child enters kindergarten and/or any Maryland public school for the first time. A physical examination by a physician or certified nurse practitioner must be completed within nine months prior to entering the public school system or within six months after entering the system. After your health care provider and dentist complete the accompanying examination and immunization records, please return them to your child's school.
2. **Completed certificate of blood lead testing is required for all students when first entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, or 1st grade.** Please read the instructions and complete the blood lead certificate found in your child's packet. It must be signed by your child's health care provider.
3. **Evidence of age-appropriate immunization.** Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, hepatitis B, and meningitis infections are vaccine preventable diseases. Your child must be immunized against these diseases by your family health care provider, the Health Department, or another vaccine provider. As required by Maryland state law, a parent or guardian must provide prior to school entry documentation to the preschool or school authority on the Maryland Immunization Certificate (Form MDH 896). You may obtain a copy of your child's record by going to https://md.myir.net/ "My Immunization Record (MyIR)". MyIR is a portal that allows you to access your or your child's official vaccination records online. If you do not have either of these forms, you may present a computer-generated form from your health care provider or other official government immunization records for the school nurse to review (i.e.: a State immunization/baby book, CDC/WHO immunization booklets, etc.) These must have the child's name and date of birth and must be signed/stamped by the provider who gave the vaccination. If you have questions about these requirements, please contact your health care provider or the Carroll County Health Department at (410) 876-4949.

In addition, as part of our comprehensive School Health Program, the Carroll County Health Department will perform **vision and hearing screening** for children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 1st, 4th, and 8th grades during the school year. After the screening, you will be notified of the results of the screening via a secure e-mail and/or letter.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Robert P. Wack, M.D.
Deputy Health Officer

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Student Enrollment Health Questionnaire

Student Name:_____ **Date of Birth:**_____ **Entering Grade:**_____

Entering School:_____ **Previous School attended:** _____

Health Care Provider Name: _____**Phone Number:**_____

MEDICAL CONCERNS (Please circle yes or no)			**Medications/Additional Comments**
ADHD	Yes	No	
Allergies to food, insects, latex, other	Yes	No	(If yes, please indicate specific allergy)
Asthma or other breathing related problems	Yes	No	
Bleeding Disorder	Yes	No	
Diabetes	Yes	No	
Gastrointestinal Issues	Yes	No	
Headaches/Diagnosed Migraines	Yes	No	
Cardiac/Heart Related Concerns	Yes	No	
Seizure Disorder	Yes	No	
Orthopedic concerns/assistive Devices	Yes	No	
Mental Health Issues	Yes	No	
Any other Health Concerns? Eating/sleeping, skin/teeth, weight, daytime wetting/stooling concerns	Yes	No	

My child takes the following medication at home: _____

My child will take the following medications daily at school: _____

My child will have the following medication as needed at school including emergency medication such as Epi-pen, Glucagon, Benadryl, inhaler, nebulizer medication or seizure medication:

_____

*If YES, a CCPS Medication Order Form must be completed for <u>each prescription and over the counter medication to be given at school</u>. CCPS Medication Order Forms must be completed by your health care provider **each** school year. Adults must deliver and pick up all medications. PARENT INITIALS: _____ Today's date_____*

Please provide a name and phone number where the nurse can contact you for further questions. Thank you!

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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Maryland Schools
Record of
Physical Examination

To Parents or Guardians:

In order for your child to enter a Maryland Public school for the first time, the following are required:

- ***A physical examination by a physician or certified nurse practitioner must be completed within nine months prior to entering the public school system or within six months after entering the system.*** *A Physical Examination form designated by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall be used to meet this requirement.* (http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/13a/13a.05.05.07.htm)

- ***Evidence of complete primary immunizations against certain childhood communicable diseases is required for all students in preschool through the twelfth grade.*** *A Maryland Immunization Certification form for newly enrolling students may be obtained from the local health department or from school personnel. The immunization certification form (DHMH 896) or a printed or a computer generated immunization record form and the required immunizations must be completed before a child may attend school. This form can be found at: http://www.edcp.org/pdf/DHMH896new.pdf.*

- ***Evidence of blood testing is required for all students who reside in a designated at risk area when first entering Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st grade****. The blood-lead testing certificate (DHMH 4620) (or another written document signed by a Health Care Practitioner) shall be used to meet this requirement. This form can be found at:* http://www.fha.state.md.us/och/pdf/MarylandDHMHBloodLeadTestingCertificateDHMH4620.pdf.

Exemptions from a physical examination and immunizations are permitted if they are contrary to a students' or family's religious beliefs. Students may also be exempted from immunization requirements if a physician/nurse practitioner or health department official certifies that there is a medical reason not to receive a vaccine. Exemptions from Blood-Lead testing is permitted if it is contrary to a families religious beliefs and practices. The Blood- lead certificate must be signed by a Health Care Practitioner stating a questionnaire was done.

The health information on this form will be available only to those health and education personnel who have a legitimate educational interest in your child.

Please complete Part I of this Physical Examination form. Part II must be completed by a physician or nurse practitioner, or a copy of your child's physical examination must be attached to this form.

If your child requires medication to be administered in school, you must have the physician complete a medication administration form for each medication. This form can be obtained at http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/NR/rdonlyres/8D9E900E-13A9-4700-9AA8-5529C5F4C749/3341/medicationform404.pdf**. If you do not have access to a physician or nurse practitioner or if your child requires a special individualized health procedure, please contact the principal and/or school nurse in your child's school.**

Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Maryland State Department of Education
Records Retention - This form must be retained in the school record until the student is age 21.

PART I - HEALTH ASSESSMENT

To be completed by parent or guardian

Student's Name (Last, First, Middle)	Birthdate (Mo. Day Yr.)	Sex (M/F)	Name of School	Grade

Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip) Phone No.

Parent/Guardian Names

Where do you usually take your child for routine medical care? Phone No.

Name: Address:

When was the last time your child had a physical exam? Month Year

Where do you usually take your child for dental care? Phone No.

Name: Address:

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT HEALTH

To the best of your knowledge has your child any problem with the following? Please check

	Yes	No	Comments
Allergies (Food, Insects, Drugs, Latex)			
Allergies (Seasonal)			
Asthma or Breathing Problems			
Behavior or Emotional Problems			
Birth Defects			
Bleeding Problems			
Cerebral Palsy			
Dental			
Diabetes			
Ear Problems or Deafness			
Eye or Vision Problems			
Head Injury			
Heart Problems			
Hospitalization (When, Where)			
Lead Poisoning/Exposure			
Learning problems/disabilities			
Limits on Physical Activity			
Meningitis			
Prematurity			
Problem with Bladder			
Problem with Bowels			
Problem with Coughing			
Seizures			
Serious Allergic Reactions			
Sickle Cell Disease			
Speech Problems			
Surgery			
Other			

Does your child take any medication?

No Yes Name(s) of Medications: _____

Is your child on any special treatments? (nebulizer, epi-pen, etc.)

No Yes Treatment _____

Does your child require any special procedures? (catheterization, etc.)

No Yes

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date:_____

PART II - SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

To be completed **ONLY** by Physician/Nurse Practitioner

Student's Name (Last, First, Middle)	Birthdate (Mo. Day Yr.)	Sex (M/F)	Name of School	Grade

1. Does the child have a diagnosed medical condition?
   No Yes _____

   _____

2. Does the child have a health condition which may require EMERGENCY ACTION while he/she is at school? (e.g., seizure, insect sting allergy, asthma, bleeding problem, diabetes, heart problem, or other problem) If yes, please DESCRIBE. Additionally, please "work with your school nurse to develop an emergency plan".
   No Yes_____

   _____

3. Are there any abnormal findings on evaluation for concern?

Evaluation Findings/CONCERNS

Physical Exam	WNL	ABNL	Area of Concern	Health Area of Concern	YES	NO
Head				Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity		
Eyes				Behavior/Adjustment		
ENT				Development		
Dental				Hearing		
Respiratory				Immunodeficiency		
Cardiac				Lead Exposure/Elevated Lead		
GI				Learning Disabilities/Problems		
GU				Mobility		
Musculoskeletal/orthopedic				Nutrition		
Neurological				Physical Illness/Impairment		
Skin				Psychosocial		
Endocrine				Speech/Language		
Psychosocial				Vision		
				Other		

REMARKS: (Please explain any abnormal findings.)

4. **RECORD OF IMMUNIZATIONS** – DHMH 896 is required to be completed by a health care provider **or** a computer generated immunization record must be provided.

5. Is the child on medication? If yes, indicate medication and diagnosis.
   No Yes _____
   (A medication administration form must be completed for medication administration in school).

6. Should there be any restriction of physical activity in school? If yes, specify nature and duration of restriction.
   No Yes _____

7. **Screenings**	**Results**	**Date Taken**
Tuberculin Test		
Blood Pressure		
Height		
Weight		
BMI %tile		
Lead Test	Optional	

PART II - SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT - continued

To be completed **ONLY** by Physician/Nurse Practitioner

(Child's Name) _____ has had a complete physical examination and has:

9 no evident problem that may affect learning or full school participation 9 problems noted above

_____

Additional Comments:

Physician/Nurse Practitioner (Type or Print)	Phone No.	Physician/Nurse Practitioner Signature	Date

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE

CHILD'S NAME_____
LAST FIRST MI

SEX: MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ BIRTHDATE_____/_____/_____

COUNTY _____ SCHOOL_____ GRADE_____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP_____

Dose #	DTP-DTaP-DT Mo/Day/Yr	Polio Mo/Day/Yr	Hib Mo/Day/Yr	Hep B Mo/Day/Yr	PCV Mo/Day/Yr	Rotavirus Mo/Day/Yr	MCV Mo/Day/Yr	HPV Mo/Day/Yr	Hep A Mo/Day/Yr	MMR Mo/Day/Yr	Varicella Mo/Day/Yr	Varicella Disease Mo / Yr	COVID-19 Mo/Day/Yr
1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1		DOSE #1
2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	_____	DOSE #2
3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	Td Mo/Day/Yr	Tdap Mo/Day/Yr	MenB Mo/Day/Yr	Other Mo/Day/Yr	
4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4				_____	_____	_____	_____	
5	DOSE #5								_____	_____	_____	_____	

To the best of my knowledge, the vaccines listed above were administered as indicated.

1. _____
Signature Title Date
(Medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider only)

2. _____
Signature Title Date

3. _____
Signature Title Date

Lines 2 and 3 are for certification of vaccines given after the initial signature.

Clinic / Office Name
Office Address/ Phone Number

COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION BELOW IF THE CHILD IS EXEMPT FROM VACCINATION ON MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS. ANY VACCINATION(S) THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SHOULD BE ENTERED ABOVE.

MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATION:

Please check the appropriate box to describe the medical contraindication.

This is a: ☐ Permanent condition OR ☐ Temporary condition until _____/_____/_____
Date

The above child has a valid medical contraindication to being vaccinated at this time. Please indicate which vaccine(s) and the reason for the contraindication, _____

Signed: _____ Date _____
Medical Provider / LHD Official

RELIGIOUS OBJECTION:

I am the parent/guardian of the child identified above. Because of my bona fide religious beliefs and practices, I object to any vaccine(s) being given to my child. This exemption does not apply during an emergency or epidemic of disease.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

How To Use This Form

The medical provider that gave the vaccinations may record the dates (using month/day/year) directly on this form (check marks are not acceptable) and certify them by signing the signature section. Combination vaccines should be listed individually, by each component of the vaccine. A different medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider may transcribe onto this form and certify vaccination dates from any other record which has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, school, or child care service.

Only a medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider may sign 'Record of Immunization' section of this form. This form may not be altered, changed, or modified in any way.

Notes:

1. When immunization records have been lost or destroyed, vaccination dates may be reconstructed for all vaccines except **varicella, measles, mumps, or rubella.**

2. Reconstructed dates for all vaccines must be reviewed and approved by a medical provider or local health department no later than 20 calendar days following the date the student was temporarily admitted or retained.

3. Blood test results are NOT acceptable evidence of immunity against diphtheria, tetanus, or pertussis (DTP/DTaP/Tdap/DT/Td).

4. Blood test verification of immunity is acceptable in lieu of polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella vaccination dates, but **revaccination may be more expedient**.

5. History of disease is NOT acceptable in lieu of any of the required immunizations, except varicella.

Immunization Requirements

The following excerpt from the MDH Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04.03 applies to schools:

"A preschool or school principal or other person in charge of a preschool or school, public or private, may not knowingly admit a student to or retain a student in a:
(1) Preschool program unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age appropriate immunity against Haemophilus influenzae, type b, and pneumococcal disease;
(2) Preschool program or kindergarten through the second grade of school unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against pertussis; and
(3) Preschool program or kindergarten through the 12th grade unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against: (a) Tetanus; (b) Diphtheria; (c) Poliomyelitis; (d) Measles (rubeola); (e) Mumps; (f) Rubella; (g) Hepatitis B; (h) Varicella; (i) Meningitis; and (j) Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis acquired through a Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine."

Please refer to the "**Minimum Vaccine Requirements for Children Enrolled in Pre-school Programs and in Schools**" to determine age-appropriate immunity for preschool through grade 12 enrollees. The minimum vaccine requirements and MDH COMAR 10.06.04.03 are available at www.health.maryland.gov. (Choose Immunization in the A-Z Index)

Age-appropriate immunization requirements for licensed childcare centers and family day care homes are based on the Department of Human Resources COMAR 13A.15.03.02 and COMAR 13A.16.03.04 G & H and the **"Age-Appropriate Immunizations Requirements for Children Enrolled in Child Care Programs"** guideline chart are available at www.health.maryland.gov. (Choose Immunization in the A-Z Index)

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BLOOD LEAD TESTING CERTIFICATE

Instructions: Use this form when enrolling a child in child care, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten or first grade. **BOX A** is to be completed by the parent or guardian. **BOX B**, also completed by parent/guardian, is for a child born before January 1, 2015 who does not need a lead test (children must meet all conditions in Box B). **BOX C** should be completed by the health care provider for any child born on or after January 1, 2015, and any child born before January 1, 2015 who does not meet all the conditions in Box B. **BOX D** is for children who are not tested due to religious objection (must be completed by health care provider).

BOX A-Parent/Guardian Completes for Child Enrolling in Child Care, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, or First Grade

CHILD'S NAME _____ _____ _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

CHILD'S ADDRESS _____ _____ _____ _____
STREET ADDRESS (with Apartment Number) CITY STATE ZIP

SEX: Male Female BIRTHDATE _____ PHONE _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____ _____ _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

BOX B – For a Child Who Does Not Need a Lead Test (Complete and sign if child is NOT enrolled in Medicaid AND the answer to EVERY question below is NO):

Was this child born on or after January 1, 2015?	YES	NO
Has this child ever lived in one of the areas listed on the back of this form?	YES	NO
Does this child have any known risks for lead exposure (see questions on reverse of form and talk with your child's health care provider if you are unsure)?	YES	NO

If all answers are NO, sign below and return this form to the child care provider or school.

Parent or Guardian Name (Print): _____ **Signature**: _____ **Date**: _____

If the answer to ANY of these questions is YES, OR if the child is enrolled in Medicaid, do not sign Box B. Instead, have health care provider complete Box C or Box D.

BOX C – Documentation and Certification of Lead Test Results by Health Care Provider

Test Date	Type (V=venous, C=capillary)	Result (mcg/dL)	Comments

Comments:

Person completing form: Health Care Provider/Designee OR School Health Professional/Designee

Provider Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Office Address: _____

BOX D – Bona Fide Religious Beliefs

I am the parent/guardian of the child identified in Box A, above. Because of my bona fide religious beliefs and practices, I object to any blood lead testing of my child.

Parent or Guardian Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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This part of BOX D must be completed by child's health care provider: Lead risk poisoning risk assessment questionnaire done: YES NO

Provider Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Office Address: _____

HOW TO USE THIS FORM

The documented tests should be the blood lead tests at 12 months and 24 months of age. Two test dates and results are required if the first test was done prior to 24 months of age. If the first test is done after 24 months of age, one test date with result is required. The child's primary health care provider may record the test dates and results directly on this form and certify them by signing or stamping the signature section. A school health professional or designee may transcribe onto this form and certify test dates from any other record that has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, or school. All forms are kept on file with the child's school health record.

At Risk Areas by ZIP Code from the 2004 Targeting Plan (for children born BEFORE January 1, 2015)

Allegany
ALL

Anne Arundel
20711
20714
20764
20779
21060
21061
21225
21226
21402

Baltimore Co.
21027
21052
21071
21082
21085
21093
21111
21133
21155
21161
21204
21206
21207
21208
21209
21210

Baltimore Co. (Continued)
21212
21215
21219
21220
21221
21222
21224
21227
21228
21229
21234
21236
21237
21239
21244
21250
21251
21282
21286

Baltimore City
ALL

Calvert
20615
20714

Caroline
ALL

Carroll
21155
21757
21776
21787
21791

Cecil
21913

Charles
20640
20658
20662

Dorchester
ALL

Frederick
20842
21701
21703
21704
21716
21718
21719
21727
21757
21758
21762
21769

Frederick (Continued)
21776
21778
21780
21783
21787
21791
21798

Garrett
ALL

Harford
21001
21010
21034
21040
21078
21082
21085
21130
21111
21160
21161

Howard
20763

Kent
21610
21620
21645
21650
21651
21661
21667

Montgomery
20783
20787
20812
20815
20816
20818
20838
20842
20868
20877
20901
20910
20912
20913

Prince George's
20703
20710
20712
20722
20731

Prince George's (Continued)
20737
20738
20740
20741
20742
20743
20746
20748
20752
20770
20781
20782
20783
20784
20785
20787
20788
20790
20791
20792
20799
20912
20913

Queen Anne's
21607
21617
21620
21623
21628

Queen Anne's (Continued)
21640
21644
21649
21651
21657
21668
21670

Somerset
ALL

St. Mary's
20606
20626
20628
20674
20687

Talbot
21612
21654
21657
21665
21671
21673
21676

Washington
ALL

Wicomico
ALL

Worcester
ALL

Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire Screening Questions:

1. Lives in or regularly visits a house/building built before 1978 with peeling or chipping paint, recent/ongoing renovation or remodeling?
2. Ever lived outside the United States or recently arrived from a foreign country?
3. Sibling, housemate/playmate being followed or treated for lead poisoning?
4. If born before 1/1/2015, lives in a 2004 "at risk" zip code?
5. Frequently puts things in his/her mouth such as toys, jewelry, or keys, eats non-food items (pica)?
6. Contact with an adult whose job or hobby involves exposure to lead?
7. Lives near an active lead smelter, battery recycling plant, other lead-related industry, or road where soil and dust may be contaminated with lead?
8. Uses products from other countries such as health remedies, spices, or food, or store or serve food in leaded crystal, pottery or pewter.

Carroll County Public Schools
School Dental Record

Name of Student_____ DOB_____

Name of School _____ Grade_____

Dental caries are the most common disease of childhood. Regular dental examinations, good oral hygiene habits, healthy diets, and modern advances in dental disease prevention and control, can benefit everyone. If your child has not visited your family dentist within the last six months, we advise you to make an appointment immediately. After the dental appointment, the signed form should be returned to the school.

Report of Dental Examination:

A._____ No dental treatment is necessary at this time.

B._____ All necessary dental treatment has been completed.

C._____ Treatment in progress.

D._____ A regular preventative care program is recommended.

Further recommendations: _____

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_____ _____

Signature of Dentist **Date**

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