



## 2015-2016 KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Indiana state law requires all incoming kindergarten students to have the following immunizations before the first day of school:

- **5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT)**
  - 4 doses are acceptable if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose.
- **4 doses of Polio vaccine**
  - The final dose must be administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
  - 3 doses of IPV are acceptable if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, and at least 6 months after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.
- **3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be given on or after 24 weeks of age and no earlier than 16 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose.
- **2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) vaccine**
  - The doses must have been administered on or after the first birthday.
- **2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine**
  - The doses must have been administered on or after the first birthday and separated by 3 months **OR physician written documentation of history of chickenpox disease, including month and year of disease.**
- **2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine**

If your child does not have all of the above vaccinations, please contact your medical provider to schedule an appointment. For uninsured or underinsured students, immunizations can be obtained at the Johnson County Health Department for \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 per family. Call the Health Department at 346-4368 for more information.

All kindergarten students must have these immunizations unless either of the following applies:

**Medical exemption:**

A medical exemption is a physician's certification that a particular immunization is **detrimental** to the child's health. It must state in writing that the child has a medical contraindication to receiving a vaccine and must be resubmitted to the school each year. As true medical contraindications to immunization are vaccine-specific, medical exemptions must be written for each vaccine that is contraindicated.

**Religious objection:**

A religious objection must state that the objection to immunization is based on religious grounds. Each objected immunization must be specified. The objection must be in writing, signed by the child's parent, and delivered to the school. There is no requirement of proof. The written religious objection must be resubmitted to the school at the beginning of each school year.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. Please contact your school nurse or clinic assistant if you have any questions regarding these requirements.

**DEADLINE: Students without proof of up-to-date immunizations will NOT be allowed to attend school as of October 1, 2015 until updated records are turned in to the clinic.**