

TO ALL KINDERGARTEN PARENTS:

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS BY THE STATE OF INDIANA FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE SPECIFIED BY IC-20-30-4-2. The following requirements meet the current standards of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the United States Public Service ACIP. All elementary students must be fully immunized against the following: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Rubella, Mumps, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, and Chicken Pox. The child is considered fully immunized when he/she has received a series of:

- 5 DTaP, 4 doses if the fourth was given after the fourth birthday
- 4 Polio, 3 doses if the third was given after the fourth birthday
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 MMR, with the first dose given on or after the first birthday
- 2 Varicella (chicken pox) or physician documentation of disease history, including the month and year.
- 2 Hepatitis A

Immunizations are available from your doctor, or contact the Lake County Health Department at (219-755-3658).

A COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAM IS ALSO REQUIRED. This is to be done by your family physician any time between **May 1st and the first day of school.** Parents are to complete and sign the top portion of the medical history section. Please make your appointment early as doctor's offices are busy during the summer months. Contact your school nurse if you cannot print the physical exam form from the website.

If your child has a medical problem, chronic disease, allergies, or needs to take medication at school, please contact your school nurse. We want to ensure that you have all the proper forms for your doctor to fill out before your child's doctor appointment.

ALL REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. State law requires that proper documentation of immunizations must be provided to the school for your child to attend class. This includes an immunization record, religious waiver, or medical exemption.

IF AFTER A PERIOD OF 20 DAYS, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RECORD OF YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATIONS, RELIGIOUS WAIVER, OR MEDICAL EXEMPTION, THEN YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at your child's school.

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