



Health Services

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Immunizations are an important part of children’s health care. The purpose of this letter is to let you know which vaccines your child will be required to have in order to attend kindergarten in the 2017-18 school year unless your child has a legal exemption.

The Minnesota School Immunization Law requires that all kindergarten students are current with certain immunizations before starting school, unless your child has a medical or conscientious exemption. The immunization dates or exemption information must be given to the school health office before the **first day of school**. Children will not be allowed to start school until the records are received and they are deemed in compliance.

Listed below are the immunizations necessary for your child to begin school.

Kindergarten Requirements

<u>DtaP</u>	<u>Polio</u>	<u>Hepatitis B</u>	<u>Varicella</u>	<u>MMR</u>
5 dates*	4 dates **	3 dates	2 dates ***	2 dates
<i>*only 4 required if 4th shot given after 4th birthday</i>	<i>**only 3 required if 3rd given after 4th birthday</i>		<i>***or doctor confirmation of Chicken Pox disease</i>	
<p>A medical exemption must be signed by your health care provider. A conscientious exemption must be signed by the parent/guardian and notarized.</p>				

Parents may provide immunization information by submitting their own clinic’s copy of immunizations, or they may complete the Student Immunization Form. You may also use this form if you wish to file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a conscientious objection signed by parent/guardian and notarized. The Student Immunization Form is available on the district website in the Health Services department section or on the MDH website at this link

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/studentimzfm.pdf> If you do not have access to the internet, please call the health office of the school your child will attend and they will send you the form.

Please prepare for your child's entry to kindergarten early. Many clinics fill up quickly in August so plan ahead.

Remember that to go to school in Minnesota, parents/guardians must provide dates of immunizations or file a legal exemption before the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Tammy John, DNP, APRN, CNP
 Student Health Services

Return all immunization forms to the Health Office prior to the first day of school to the school your child will attend for kindergarten.