

IMMUNIZATION OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL

- Children are not to be admitted to school in the State of New Jersey without the required immunizations N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.2.
- New Jersey accepts valid medical and religious exemptions (reasons for not showing proof of immunizations). N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.
- Children without proof of immunity as defined by ACIP, including those with medical and religious exemptions, may be excluded from school during a vaccine preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak as determined by the Commissioner, Department of Health or his or her designee.
- Each child attending/enrolling must present documentation of immunizations or valid medical or religious exemption to vaccines.
- In order to allow a child to enter school, he/she must have at least one dose of each age-appropriate required vaccine.
- If there is a problem with gaining access to immunization records the student may enter school, but has 30 days for the parent to submit acceptable evidence of the child's immunizations.
- As of September 2008, sixth grade students in public and private schools are required to receive two additional vaccines:
 - Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis-vaccine (Tdap)
 - Meningococcal vaccine
- Students entering sixth grade must receive both vaccines before the first day of school. Students will be excluded from school if they do not get the required vaccines and do not have a valid medical or religious exemption.
- If the student has an appointment later than the opening of school, the parent must submit in writing from the physician the date of the appointment, and also must state the immunization the student is to receive. This must be received by the school within one week after the first day of school.

- If a parent does not comply with all of the above within 30 days of being notified in writing by the school, this issue will be brought to the attention of the School Board. This is a **State law**, and if there is not reasonable cause, the student will be excluded from school.
- Our school prides itself in good communication between parents and staff. Please feel free to always share concerns regarding this subject with Dr. Morris or the School Nurse.