

Tipton County Board of Education
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To: Parents/Guardians of **Children entering Pre-School or Pre-Kindergarten**

Date: March 1, 2010

Subject: **NEW STATE IMMUNIZATION RULES AND CERTIFICATES**

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDOH) has issued new immunization rules and is issuing a new Official Certificate that is required for entry into school effective July 1, 2010. All newly required vaccines are routinely recommended for all children. Most children should have already received them.

- There will now be only **one** official TDOH certificate of immunization that must be filled out by medical providers prior to entry into pre-school, pre-k, kindergarten, or as a new student. This form will only be available from a private healthcare provider or local health department.
- For children entering **pre-school** and **pre-K**, four new additional immunizations are required.

Summary: Tennessee Immunization Requirements (TDOH 1200-14-1-29)

Children in Pre-School or Pre-K

- Current immunization requirements:
 - ✓ Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate)
 - ✓ Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV)
 - ✓ Measles, Mumps, Rubella (1 dose of each, usually given together as MMR)
 - ✓ Varicella (Chickenpox) 1 dose required OR history of disease
- New **additional** immunization requirements:
 - ✓ Hepatitis B (HBV)
 - ✓ Hemophilus influenza type B (Hib): age younger than 5 years only (*this requirement is resumed following suspension during a national Hib vaccine shortage in 2008-2009*)
 - ✓ Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV): age younger than 5 years old.
 - ✓ Hepatitis A (1 dose by 18 months of age)

If you have additional questions, please contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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