

LETTER TO PARENTS - REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

TO: Parents of Children Entering Kindergarten – Saint Bernadette School
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DATE: 2016-2017 School Year
SUBJECT: Immunizations

In order to attend school, your daughter/son **must** have completed the following immunizations that are required under Ohio Law Sections 3313.671 and 3701.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

NOTE: *Exceptions are provided under the law. These can be discussed with either of us.*

- Four (4) or more doses of DTaP or (DT) or any combination. Three doses of Td or a combination of Td and Tdap is the minimum acceptable for children age seven (7) and up.
- Effective for the 2012-2013 school year for and each year thereafter, one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis, adolescent and adult formulation) must be administered prior to entry into the seventh (7th) grade. If one dose of Tdap was part of the initial series, another dose of Tdap will not be required. For students who entered 7th grade in 2010 or 2011, one dose of Td (Tetanus and Diphtheria is acceptable.) Tdap can be given regardless of interval since last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine.
- Three (3) or more doses of OPV or IPV. If the third dose was received prior to the fourth birthday, a fourth dose is required. If a combination of IPV or OPV were received, four doses of either vaccine are required. For students that entered Kindergarten in 2010 or later, the final dose of polio vaccine must have been administered on or after the fourth birthday, regardless of the number of previous doses.
- Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine. The second dose must be given at least 28 days after the first dose and the third dose at least 8 weeks after the second dose and at least 16 weeks after the first dose. The last dose in the series (3rd or 4th) must not be administered before 24 weeks of age.
- Two (2) doses of MMR [(Measles (Rubeola), Mumps and Rubella (German Measles))] vaccine are required. The first dose must have been received on or after the 1st birthday and the second dose at least 28 days after the first dose.
- During the 2010-2011 school year, one (1) dose of Varicella vaccine was required for grades 1-4 entry. This requirement is progressive, therefore it is extended for students in grades 2-5 in 2011, 3-6 in 2012, etc. Beginning with the start of the 2010-2011 school year, and progressively thereafter, all children entering Kindergarten are required to have two (2) doses of varicella vaccine. The first (1st) dose of vaccine must be given on or after the child's first (1st) birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three (3) months after dose 1; however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.
- Meningococcal: Beginning with the start of the 2016-2017 school year, all pupils entering the 7th and 12th grade are required to be vaccinated against meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) disease. One (1) dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) vaccine is required prior to entry into the 7th grade. A second (2nd) dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) vaccine is required prior to entry into the 12th grade. The second (2nd) dose must be administered on or after the 16th birthday with at least eight (8) weeks between the first (1st) and second (2nd) dose. If the first (1st) dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) vaccine was administered after the 16th birthday, a second (2nd) dose is not required. If a pupil is 15 years of age or younger, only (1) dose is required. This requirement shall be enforced progressively; therefore, the requirement shall be extended to 7th and 12th grade students in 2016, 7-8 and 12 grade students in 2017, 7-9th and 12th grade students in 2018, 7-10th and 12th grade students in 2019, 7-11th and 12th grade students in 2020, and 7-12 grade students in 2021.

A tuberculin skin test to determine if your child has been exposed to tuberculosis is recommended, but not required.

According to Section 3313.671, on the 15TH DAY AFTER SCHOOL ENTRANCE it may be necessary to exclude all students from school who do not meet the above requirements.

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It is a requirement at Saint Bernadette School that every new student has a complete medical examination before entering school. This ensures that your child is physically ready to accept all the advantages the education at Saint Bernadette School has to offer. Please have your physician complete the **School Entrance Medical Exam Record (on the back of this letter)** and return it as soon as possible in an envelope marked **SCHOOL CLINIC**. If you have any questions, please contact us directly at **440-734-0565**.