



# FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



PARENTS-----PLEASE PAY ATTENTION-----

**\*\* The immunization requirements for school age children have changed. \*\***

- Please read the Pennsylvania Department of Health notice included in this Tuesday envelope.
- Please check with your child's doctor to be sure your child has had these **REQUIRED** immunizations.
- Your child will need to be properly immunized by **SEPTEMBER, 2009** in order to start the 2009 /2010 school year.
- An updated immunization record from your child's doctor will be the **ONLY** accepted proof that your child has been properly immunized. This record must be sent to the school nurse before **SEPTEMBER**.
- If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Penza through the school office.
- All children entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2009 / 2010 school year need to have a physical. The forms have gone home. Please complete the **GREEN FORM** and return it to the school nurse as soon as possible. Please make sure to obtain an updated immunization record when your child has his/her physical. Both forms **MUST** be returned to the school nurse.

# Attention Parents

## DON'T WAIT ----- VACCINATE NOW

\*Children IN ALL GRADES in 2009/2010 need the following:



- 4 doses of tetanus\*  
(1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 4 doses of diphtheria\*  
(1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles\*\*
- 2 doses of mumps\*\*
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles)\*\*
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox)  
vaccine or history of disease (phased  
in by 2010/2011)

\*Usually given as DTP or DtaP or DT or Td

\*\*Usually given as MMR

\*Children ENTERING 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 2009/2010 need the following:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)  
(if 5 years has elapsed since last tetanus immunization)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

These requirements allow for medical reasons and religious beliefs.

If your child is exempt from immunizations,  
he/she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 PA.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization)  
Contact your health care provider or 1-877 PA HEALTH for more information

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**HEALTH**

*Edward G. Rendell, Governor*