

Vaccinations Requirements for Students Entering Grade 7, Kindergarten, and New to Montgomery County Public Schools

OVERVIEW

- All students entering Grade 7 or Kindergarten, or who are new to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), must provide documentation of vaccinations.
- Vaccination records are being verified remotely by Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) staff member.
 - Families may email their child's vaccination records to SHSIZ@montgomerycountymd.gov and copy the school's registrar or attendance secretary.
 - DHHS free back-to-school vaccination clinic schedule: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HCTK2DHCqbtrM7LeUxEIzRVjaL0DZ5CG?usp=sharing>
- Student and Family Support and Engagement staff members are collaborating with the Student Well-being Teams to reach out to families and students about the importance of vaccinations and the state requirements.
 - Students will need to be vaccinated and have those certificates verified in order to return to in-person instruction when MCPS makes that transition.
 - During a healthcare pandemic, vaccinations against typical childhood illnesses are extremely important to help protect students from getting sick.
 - *Messaging to families:* Take this opportunity to coordinate getting school-required vaccinations with the flu shot so that children will be better able to go through a flu season that coincides with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A flyer stressing the state vaccination requirements that includes a QR code to the DHHS vaccination clinic schedule is being developed and translated. Flyers will be distributed to schools and Student and Family Support and Engagement staff members to be posted:
 - On school webpages and via social media accounts.
 - At food and ChromeBook distribution sites.
 - On supermarket bulletin boards (with support from PPWs and PCCs).

ACTIONS

- Post state vaccination requirement flyers, including QR code to the DHHS vaccination schedule clinics:
 - On school webpages and via social media accounts.
 - At food and ChromeBook distribution sites.
 - On supermarket bulletin boards (with support from PPWs and PCCs).
- Regularly remind families about vaccination requirements via routine, weekly principal communications home.