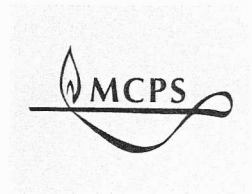


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Office of the Principal

August 1, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Grade 7 student:

Beginning with the 2014–2015 school year, new immunization requirements for Maryland students entering Grade 7 were established.

Before your child can enter Grade 7, he/she must have one tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccination and one meningococcal vaccination (MCV4).

These new requirements are in addition to previous school years' immunization requirements. Please contact your child's health care provider to determine whether or not your child has already received these immunization vaccinations, and if not, plan to have them administered as soon as possible.

Request documentation that your child has received the additional required immunizations from your health care provider and submit a copy of the documentation to your child's school health room as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, August 31, 2015, the first day of the 2015–2016 school year.

According to Maryland School Immunization Regulations, COMAR 10.06.04, parents must submit documentation of required age appropriate immunizations before their child attends school.

There is a free vaccine clinic that will be held at the Montgomery County Public Schools Back-to-School Fair, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland, on Saturday, August 29, 2015, from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m for those students still in need of these vaccinations. Vaccines will be available **by appointment only**. Please make an appointment at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/vaccineclinic or by calling 311.

Thank you for your support in keeping our schools a healthy place to learn.

Sincerely,

Ann Dolan
Principal

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Office of the Principal

August 1, 2015

Estimado Padre/Madre/Guardián de un estudiante del Grado 7:

Desde el ciclo escolar 2014–2015, se han establecido nuevos requisitos de inmunizaciones para los estudiantes de Maryland que ingresan al Grado 7.

Antes de que su hijo/a pueda iniciar al Grado 7, él/ella debe recibir una vacuna contra tétanos, difteria, y tos ferina/tos convulsa (Tdap) atenuada, y una vacuna meningocócica (MCV4).

Estos nuevos requisitos se suman a los requisitos de inmunizaciones de años anteriores. Por favor póngase en contacto con el proveedor de cuidados de la salud de su hijo/a para determinar si su hijo/a ha recibido estas vacunas de inmunización, y de no ser así, planee que las mismas sean administradas lo antes posible.

Pídale a su proveedor de cuidados de la salud documentación de que su hijo/a ha recibido las inmunizaciones adicionales exigidas, y presente una copia de dicha documentación a la enfermería de la escuela de su hijo/a tan pronto como sea posible, pero antes del lunes, 31 de agosto, 2015, el primer día de clases del ciclo escolar 2015–2016.

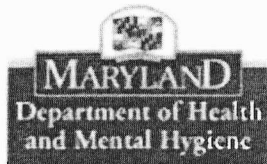
De acuerdo con las Regulaciones de Inmunizaciones para las Escuelas de Maryland, COMAR 10.06.04, (Maryland School Immunization Regulations), los padres deben presentar documentación de las inmunizaciones requeridas según la edad antes de que su hijo/a asista a la escuela.

Esta es una clínica de vacunación gratuita que se está llevando a cabo en la Feria de Regreso a Clases de Montgomery County Public Schools, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland, el sábado, 29 de agosto, 2015, de 11:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m., para aquellos estudiantes que todavía necesiten estas vacunas. Las vacunas estarán disponibles **únicamente con cita previa**. Por favor haga una cita ingresando a www.montgomerycountymd.gov/vaccineclinic, o llame al 311.

Gracias por su apoyo para hacer que nuestras escuelas sean un lugar sano donde aprender.

Atentamente,

Ann Dolan
Directora del la Escuela



Vaccine Requirements For Children
Enrolled in Preschool Programs and in Schools — Per DHMH COMAR 10.06.04.03
Maryland School Year 2015- 2016 (Valid 9/1/15 - 8/31/16)

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for PRESCHOOL aged children enrolled in educational programs							
Vaccine Current Age of Child	DTaP/DTP/DT ¹	Polio ²	Hib ³	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B	PCV ³ (Prevnar TM)
Less than 2 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2 - 3 months	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
4 - 5 months	2	2	2	0	0	2	2
6 - 11 months	3	3	2	0	0	3	2
12 - 14 months	3	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
15 - 23 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
24—59 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	1
60 - 71 months	4	3	0	2	1	3	0

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for children enrolled in KINDERGARTEN - 12th grade								
Grade Level Grade (Ungraded)		DTaP/DTP/Tdap/DT/Td ^{1,6}	Tdap ⁶	Polio ²	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B	Meningococcal
Kindergarten & Grade 1	(5 yrs)	4	0	3	2	2	3	0
Grades 2 - 6	(6 - 11 yrs)	4 or 3	0	3	2	1 or 2	3	0
Grade 7 & 8	(11-12 yrs)	3	1	3	2	1 or 2	3	1
Grades 9-12	(12-18+ yrs)	3	0	3	2	1 or 2	3	0

* See footnotes on back for 2015-16 school immunization requirements.

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FOOTNOTES

REMINDER for the 2015-16 school year :

- **2 doses of Varicella vaccine for entry into Kindergarten AND 1st Grade**
- **1 dose of Tdap vaccine for entry into 7th AND 8th grades**
- **1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine for entry into 7th AND 8th grades**

Instructions: On the chart locate the student's age or grade and read from left to right on the chart to determine the number of required vaccinations by age or grade. Dosing interval should not be considered when determining if the requirement is met, except for MMR and Varicella vaccines (See footnote #4).

1. If DT vaccine is given in place of DTP or DTaP, a physician documented medical contraindication is required.
2. Proof of immunity by positive blood test is acceptable in lieu of vaccine history for hepatitis B, polio and measles, mumps, rubella and varicella, **but revaccination may be more expedient.**
3. Hib and PCV(PrevnarTM) are not required for children older than 59 months (5 years) of age.
4. All doses of measles, mumps, rubella and varicella vaccines should be given on or after the first birthday. However, upon record review for students in preschool through 12th grade, a preschool or school may count as valid vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four (4) days before the first birthday.
5. One dose of varicella (chickenpox) is required for a student younger than 13 years of age. Two doses of varicella vaccine are required for students entering Kindergarten or 1st grade and for previously unvaccinated students 13 years of age or older. Medical diagnosis of varicella disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination. Medical diagnosis is documented history of disease provided by a health care provider. Documentation must include month and year.
6. Four (4) doses of DTP/DTaP are required for children less than 7 years old. Three (3) doses of tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccine (any combination of the following — DTP, DTaP, Tdap, DT or Td) are required for children 7 years of age and older. One dose of Tdap vaccine received prior to entering 7th grade is acceptable and should be counted as a dose that fulfills the 7th and 8th grade Tdap requirement.