

ILLINOIS PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

ILLINOIS LAW REQUIRES that all students entering an early child-hood program, kindergarten, sixth or ninth grades, or transferring from out of state have a physical examination within one calendar year **PRIOR** to the date of entry. The examination must include a complete immunization record and medical history. Students transferring from another Illinois school must present copies of their current Illinois school health records.

Section 27-8.1 of the Illinois School Code states: "If a child does not comply then the **LOCAL SCHOOL AUTHORITY SHALL EXCLUDE THAT CHILD FROM SCHOOL** until such time as the child presents proof of having had either the health examination or those required immunizations which are medically possible to receive immediately."

Effective **JULY 1, 2005** – Public Act 93-946 requires all Illinois children in kindergarten, second and sixth grade to have an oral health exam. Each child shall present proof of exam by a dentist prior to **MAY 15th** of the school year.

Parents or guardians who object to health examinations or immunizations on religious grounds must present a signed statement detailing the specific grounds for the objection. If a child cannot be fully immunized because of health reasons (medical contraindication), the physician must state this fact on the health examination certificate.

In the event of one diagnosed case of a communicable disease such as measles or polio, any student who is not protected by immunization shall be immediately excluded from school. This exclusion shall be in effect for 21 days following the last reported case or until the student can show proof of immunity.

DTP/DTaP - a series of three plus two boosters. The latest booster must be given after the fourth birthday. An additional booster (Td) is required ten years after the last booster.

OPV/IPV - a series of two plus two boosters. The latest booster must be given after the fourth birthday.

MEASLES - required unless physician documentation or laboratory evidence verifies that the student has had the disease. The student must have received two doses of live measles vaccine, the first dose after the first birthday and the booster dose at least one month later.

RUBELLA - required unless laboratory evidence proves that the child has had the disease. The vaccine must have been given after the first birthday.

MUMPS - required unless laboratory evidence proves that the child has had the disease. The vaccine must have been given after the first birthday.

HEPATITIS B - (MANDATED FOR GRADES 5th through 12th AND Pre-Kindergarten ONLY) a series of two plus one booster. Proof of prior or current infection, if verified by laboratory evidence excludes need for vaccine.

Hib - (MANDATED FOR Pre-Kindergarten ONLY) given according to a variety of schedules, depending on the manufacturer, minimal dose required is one after 15 months of age.

VARICELLA (Chicken Pox) – (MANDATED FOR GRADES Kindergarten through 4th and Pre-Kindergarten ONLY) The vaccine must have been given after the first birthday, or the student must provide physician documentation or laboratory evidence verifying that the student has had the disease.