

ILLINOIS EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST ENTRY INTO KINDERGARTEN

***Physical Exam Requirement:** Illinois law requires that all students entering kindergarten have a physical examination within one calendar year prior to the date of entry. The examination must be reported on the Illinois DHS-Certificate of Child Health Examination form & include a complete immunization record and medical history. This must be on file at the school **BEFORE** your child can start school in August.

PLEASE turn in the physical examination & complete immunization record as soon as possible, and no later than August 2, 2021. THANK YOU! ☺

***Vision Exam Requirement:** Public Act 95-0671 requires all Illinois children enrolling in kindergarten to have an eye examination. Each child shall present proof of an eye exam performed by a licensed eye doctor before THE FIRST DAY of the school year.

***Dental Exam Requirement:** Public Act 93-946 requires all Illinois children in kindergarten to have an oral health exam. Each child shall present proof of exam by a dentist prior to MAY 15th of the school year.

DTP/DTaP - Four or more doses with the last dose being a booster given after the fourth birthday.

OPV/IPV - Four or more doses with the last dose being a booster given after the fourth birthday.

MMR (Mumps/Measles/Rubella) - Two doses with the first dose given on or after the first birthday, & the booster dose given at least one month later. Two doses are required unless laboratory evidence or physician documentation verifies that the student has had all 3 diseases.

VARICELLA (Chicken Pox) - Two doses with the first dose given on or after the first birthday, & the booster dose given at least one month later. Two doses are required unless laboratory evidence or physician documentation verifies that the student has had the disease.

Hepatitis B - Three doses, series in accordance with ACIP guidance.

***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."**

*Parents or guardians who object to health examinations or immunizations on religious grounds must present a Certificate of Religious Exemption signed by a healthcare provider. If a child cannot be fully immunized because of medical contraindication, the physician must provide the school with a signed statement.

*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 the required number of days (determined by the health department) following the last reported case or until the student can show proof of immunity.