July 9, 2019

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

Maryland School Immunization Regulations (COMAR 10.06.04) require that all students must be immunized according to the Maryland Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule in order to attend school.

The requirements for the start of the 2019-2020 School Year are as follows:

- Two (2) doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine are required for all students entering Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.
- A single dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) vaccine is required for all students entering 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade.
- A single dose of MCV4 (meningitis) vaccine is required for all students entering 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade.

Please plan ahead and work with your child’s healthcare provider to be sure they are up to date with all of the required vaccinations. Your child will not be able to attend school in the fall unless written documentation is provided to the school before the first day of school.

If you have any questions about which immunizations are required for your student, please call your child’s healthcare provider, the school nurse or your local health department.

Sincerely,

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