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Dear Parents or Guardians;

The state of Missouri has enacted new immunization requirements that go into effect for the 2010-11 school year. Please take this information with you when you visit your physician for your child's next check up, and make sure your student will be eligible for attendance in the fall.

**School Children** Effective beginning the **2010-2011** school year the following **new** requirements will be implemented:

Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine will be required for all incoming eighth (8th) grade students if the child has completed the recommended childhood DTaP/DTP vaccination series and has not received a Td booster within the past two (2) years.

For children enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) who have not received a single dose of Td, it is highly recommended they receive a single dose of Tdap as their catch-up booster instead of Td or receive one dose of Tdap two years after the last Td dose.

Your child's complete immunization record on file with the school district may be accessed via the parent portal of Infinite Campus by clicking on the health icon.

Attached is the full list of required immunization for school attendance. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your school nurse (**INSERT YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFO HERE**).

Sincerely,

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## Missouri School Immunization Requirements 2010-2011 Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance (573) 751-6124 (866) 628-9891 Rev 9/09

All students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day and year of each immunization before they can attend school.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) allows a 4-day grace period (meaning 4 or fewer days prior to the recommended interval or age), so students in all grade levels may receive immunizations up to 4 days before they are due.

For children beginning kindergarten during or after the 2003-04 school year, required immunizations should be administered according to the current ACIP Schedule, including all spacing, (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm>).

To remain in school, students "in progress" must have an Imm.P.14 form (which includes appointment date for needed immunization(s)) on file and must receive immunizations as soon as they become due. In progress means that a child has begun the vaccine series and has an appointment for the next dose. This appointment must be kept and an updated record provided to the school. If the appointment is not kept, the child is no longer in progress and is noncompliant. (For example, hep B vaccine series was begun but the child is not yet eligible to receive the next dose in the series.)

In progress does not apply to the Tdap or Td booster.

Religious (Imm.P.11A) and Medical (Imm.P.12) exemptions are allowed. The appropriate exemption card must be on file. Unimmunized children are subject to exclusion from school when outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases occur.

Vaccines Required for School Attendance	Doses Required by Grade												
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DTaP <sup>1</sup>	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4	4	4	4	3+
Tdap <sup>2</sup>									1	Tdap or Td required 10 years after last DTaP, DTP or DT.			
IPV (Polio) <sup>3</sup>	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
MMR	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2 measles, 1 mumps, 1 rubella required, however 2 MMRs are highly recommended.				
Hepatitis B	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
Varicella <sup>4</sup>	2	1	1	1	1	1	No doses required, however vaccination is highly recommended.						

1. Last dose on or after fourth (4th) birthday and last dose of pediatric pertussis before seventh (7th) birthday. **Maximum needed:** six (6) doses.

2. Tdap, which contains pertussis vaccine, is required for students enrolled in grade eight (8) who have completed the recommended childhood DTP/DTaP vaccination series and have not received a Td booster dose within the past two (2) years. For grades 9-12, a Tdap or Td booster is required ten (10) years after the last dose of DTaP, DTP or DT. Tdap may be given at any time in the event of a pertussis outbreak situation.

3. Last dose must be administered on or after fourth (4th) birthday.

4. Kindergarten: As satisfactory evidence of disease, an MD or DO may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Grades 1-5: As satisfactory evidence of disease, a parent/guardian or MD or DO may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease.