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Dear Families of Incoming Preschool (Early Childhood/PKP) students:

It is important for you to know the legal health requirements for students entering EC/PKP, as determined by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health. All required physical and immunization forms are due no later than October 15 of the current school year. If starting after October 15<sup>th</sup>: all required physical and immunizations are must be submitted before starting school. This communication allows families ample and advanced opportunity to meet these legal requirements and exclusion will not occur without prior notice.

- 1. <u>Physical Examination:</u> Physical examinations are required of all students entering EC/PKP and must be completed within one year prior to the first day of school. This physical exam must be recorded on the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form. **Parents must complete the health history section of the health form and sign it.**Documentation of the following must be included in the physical exam:
  - a. All sections of the form must be completed and documented. Incomplete forms will be considered non-compliant and returned for completion.
  - b. Lead screening is a required part of the health examination for preschool and kindergarten.
  - c. Required immunizations for preschool:
    - i. **DTaP/DTP/Td:** Three or more doses of DTP/DTaP or Td by 1 year of age with one additional dose by the 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday
    - ii. **Polio:** Two or more doses of polio with one addition dose by the 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday
    - iii. MMR: One dose of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines on or after the 1st birthday
    - iv. Varicella: One dose of varicella on or after the 1st birthday
    - v. **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):** Refer to ACIP Hib series for children 24-59 months of age. Children without series must have one dose after 15 months of age
    - vi. **Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV 13):** Refer to ACIP PCV series schedule for children 24-59 months of age. Children without series must have one dose after 24 months of age
    - vii. **Hepatitis B:** Three doses for all children. The third dose must have been administered on or after 6 months of age.

The Certificate of Health form can be found on our website (<a href="www.op97.org">www.op97.org</a>) under the Departments Tab and then under Health Services. If you need additional printed copies, they are available at each school. **Students that require medication during school hours must have a medication authorization form completed by a physician: this includes prescription or over-the-counter medications.** If your child has a severe allergy and/or asthma; forms titled Food Allergy Action Plan and/or Asthma Action Plan must be completed by your child's physician and submitted to the school nurse. Forms can be found on our website under the Department Tab and then under Health Services.

Please contact the nurse at your school if you have any question or require any additional information.

Vaccine Requirement	Preschool	First Entry into School (Kindergarten or 1st Grade)	Other Grades	Minimum intervals allowed between doses and other options for proof of immunity
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/ DTaP/ or Tdap, Td)	Three doses of DTP or DTaP by 1 year of age. One additional booster dose by 2nd birthday.	Four or more doses of DTP/DTaP with the last dose being a booster and received on or after the 4th birthday.	Students entering 6 <sup>th</sup> grade: For students > age 11, one dose of Tdap.  Three or more doses of DTP/DTaP or Td; with the last dose qualifying as a booster if received on or after the 4th birthday.	Minimum interval between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days).  Between series and booster: 6 months.  No proof of immunity allowed.
Polio	Two doses by 1 year of age. One additional dose by 2nd birthday.  Three doses for any child 24 months of age or older appropriately spaced.	Four dose series with the last dose administered on or after the 4th birthday.	Four dose series with the last dose administered on or after the 4th birthday.	Minimum interval between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days).  4 <sup>th</sup> dose at least 6 months after previous dose No proof of immunity allowed.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	One dose on or after the 1st birthday.	Two doses of MMR vaccine, the first dose must have been received on or after the 1st birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.	Two doses of MMR vaccine, the first dose must have been received on or after the 1st birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.	Minimum interval: 4 weeks (28 days)  Laboratory evidence of measles, mumps, and/or rubella immunity
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	One dose on or after 1st birthday.	Two doses of varicella; The first dose must have been on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday and the 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks (28) days later.  Two doses of varicella for students entering all grades.	Two doses of varicella; The first dose must have been on or after the 1st birthday and the 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks (28) days later.  Two doses of varicella for students entering all grades.	Proof of prior varicella disease shall be verified with:  1) date of illness signed by a physician; or  2) a health care provider's interpretation that a parent's or legal guardian's description of varicella disease history is indicative of past infection; or
Hepatitis B	Three doses, the first two doses shall have been received no less than four weeks (28 days) apart. Third dose must have been administered on or after 6 months of age (168 days).	Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine administered at recommended (ACIP) intervals	Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine administered at recommended (ACIP) intervals	3) laboratory evidence of varicella immunity.  Minimum intervals between doses: First and second-at least 4 weeks (28 days), second and third-at least 2 months (56 days), first and third-at least 4 months (112 days)  Proof of prior or current infection, if verified by laboratory evidence, may be substituted for proof of vaccination.
Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)	Refer to ACIP Hib series schedule for children 24- 59 month Children without series must have one dose after 15 months of age.	Not required after the 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday (60 months of age)	Not required after 5th birthday (60 months of age)	ACIP Hib series schedule:  https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/hib/index.html  No proof of immunity allowed.
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV 13)	Refer to ACIP PCV series schedule for children 24-59 months Children without series must have one dose after 24 months of age	Not required after the 5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (60 months of age)	Not required after the 5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (60 months of age)	ACIP PCV series schedule: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis- statements/pcv.html  No proof of immunity allowed.
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine	No requirements	No requirements	Students entering 6 <sup>th</sup> grade: One dose of Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine (on or after the 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	Minimum intervals for administration: For 6 <sup>th</sup> grade entry: the first dose received on or after the 11th birthday.  For 12 <sup>th</sup> grade entry: second dose on or after the 16th birthday and an interval of at least eight weeks after the first dose.  Only one dose is required if the first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.  No proof of immunity allowed.