

Minimum Immunization Requirements for the School Year 2017-2018

Dear Parents,

Huntington County Community School Corporation has been notified of the immunization requirements for the school year 2017-2018.

The requirements for students in grade 9-11 for the school year 2017-2018 are as follows:

- A meningitis vaccine (meningococcal conjugate vaccine).
- A Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis).
- A second chicken pox vaccine (varicella) or **PHYSICIAN DOCUMENTATION of chicken pox disease which includes the month and year of disease.**

Parents will have 20 days from the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year to provide this immunization update information.

If your son or daughter has already received these vaccines, please send the documentation to the clinic assistant. **Acceptable documentation will be a shot record or other paperwork from the physician or agency that administered the vaccine which includes the date and name of the vaccine that was administered.**

We encourage you to **contact your physician** or the local health department (260-358-4831) and make arrangements to receive this vaccine well in advance of the 2017-2018 school year.

Please contact your school's nurse or clinic assistant if you have any questions.

Please review the immunization requirements shown in the table to the right.

Your son/daughter should have these minimum immunizations by the start of the 2017-18 school year.

2017 - 2018 Immunization Requirements for Grade 9-11

Hepatitis B	3	MMR	2
DTaP	5	Varicella (Chicken Pox)	2
Polio	4	Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria booster with Pertussis)	1
Meningitis (MCV4)	1		

General guidelines for the administration of immunizations are listed below.

Hepatitis B	The minimum age for the 3 rd dose of Hepatitis B is 24 weeks.
DTaP	Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if the 4 th dose was administered on or after the child's 4 th birthday.
Polio	Three doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the third dose was given on or after the 4 th birthday and at least 6 month after the previous dose with only one type of vaccine used (all OPV or all IPV).
Live Vaccines (MMR, Varicella)	Live vaccines that are not administered on the same day must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart. The second dose should be repeated if the doses are separated by less than 28 days.
Varicella	Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children in grades 6 and 7. Parental report of disease history is acceptable for grade 8 (Chicken pox form indicating month and year of disease with parent signature).
Tdap	Recommended age for this dose is 11 years (entry into 6 th grade).
Meningitis	Recommended age for this dose is 11-12 years (entry into 6 th grade).