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Entering 7th Grade

July 2017

Important Immunization Information

Dear Parents/Guardians of



This letter is to inform you that the Pennsylvania Health Department recently changed the immunizations required for students to attend school. On the first day of school, your **7th Grade** student will need the following immunizations:

- ✓ 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) if five years have passed since last tetanus immunization; **and**
- ✓ 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

It is very important that your child receive all of the required immunizations prior to the start of school on Monday, August 28th. Children that do not have the doses listed above, need additional doses, and/or the next dose is medically appropriate, the child must receive that dose within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. If the next dose is not the final dose of the series, the child must also provide a medical plan within the first five days of school. Children failing to show the official documentation or a medical plan within the first five days of school will be unable to attend school.

Please schedule an appointment with your child's pediatrician to ensure your child's immunizations are up to date prior to school starting on Monday, August 28th. If your child does not have insurance coverage or if your insurance does not cover back-to-school immunizations, children can get the required vaccines for little or no cost at a local health clinic or the local health department. A list of clinics and the local health department are available at www.pps.k12.pa.us/immunize.

Thank you in advance for ensuring your child has their required immunizations before school starts on Monday, August 28th. If you have any questions, please contact the Parent Hotline at **412-529-HELP (4357)**.

Sincerely,

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