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## Entering Kindergarten



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### 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 **Kindergarten** student will need the following immunizations:

- ✓ 4 doses of tetanus\* (1 dose, age 4);
- ✓ 4 doses of diphtheria\* (1 dose, age 4);
- ✓ 3 doses of polio;
- ✓ 2 doses of measles;
- ✓ 2 doses of mumps; \*\*
- ✓ 1 dose of rubella (German measles); \*\*
- ✓ 3 dose of hepatitis B; and
- ✓ 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of disease

\* Usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td / \*\* Usually given as MMR

It is very important that your child receive all of the required immunizations prior to the start of school on Thursday, August 31st. 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 Thursday, August 31st. 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](http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/immunize).

Thank you in advance for ensuring your child has their required immunizations before school starts on Thursday, August 31st. If you have any questions, please contact the Parent Hotline at **412-529-HELP (4357)**.

Sincerely,

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