

6th Grade Parents and incoming 7th Graders:
Immunizations and Sports Physicals

Minnesota state law requires each student entering 7th grade to update their immunizations. The state law requires all students to have the proper documentation on file for the following vaccines before they can attend school. Most students will need these 2 new vaccinations before 7th grade:

- ✓ Tetanus/pertussis booster – **Tdap** (given after the 7th birthday)
- ✓ **Meningitis (meningococcal)**

Parents may object to immunizations for medical reasons or by conscientious exemption by filling out the *Pupil Immunization Record*, notarizing it, and submitting it to me. Please remember you must **LIST EACH IMMUNIZATION** on the form for it to be valid.

Please schedule your doctor appointment early in the spring to update immunizations. You should also have a sport physical completed by your doctor if your child will be participating in a school sport. A sports physical is good for three years.

Please email the nurse with any information or questions.

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Title Notification of Immunization Law Requirements for Middle School Students – 7th Grade

Dear parent/guardian of _____, Date _____
print student name

In order to be in compliance with state law, your child needs to be current on all required immunizations or provide documentation of exemption **prior to the first day of 7th grade during the upcoming school year.** We do not have a record of a:

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| _____ 2 nd MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) immunization | _____ 2 nd HepB (Hepatitis B) immunization |
| _____ 2 nd Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunization | _____ 3 rd HepB (Hepatitis B) immunization |
| _____ 3-dose series of HepB (Hepatitis B) vaccine | _____ Polio (IPV, OPV) immunization |
| _____ Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) or | _____ Meningococcal immunization |
| _____ Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria) booster | |

as required by state law for your child. If a record of your child receiving this/these immunization(s) or proof of exemption is not received in the school nurse's office by the first day of school, **your child will not be permitted to attend school until the requirements of the law are met.**

There are several ways in which you may comply with this law:

1. Once the immunization indicated above has been given, write the date (month, day, year) of the immunization on the Student Immunization Form located on the reverse of this document, sign where indicated, and return this document to your school nurse; **or**
2. If your child has received at least one of a series of immunizations and will complete the series within the next eight months, the physician must indicate such and sign the Student Immunization Form located on the reverse of this document, then return the document to your school nurse; **or**
3. If your child will not receive the immunization due to a medical contraindication or laboratory evidence of immunity, you must give the school nurse a statement signed by a physician (you may use the statement on the reverse of this document), **or**
4. If your child will not receive the immunization due to conscientiously held beliefs, you must give the school nurse a notarized statement signed by the parent or guardian (you may use the statement on the reverse of this document)

If you meet any one of the following Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) eligibility criteria, you may call Dakota County Public Health (952-891-7999) to receive low-cost vaccinations (There may be no charge for the vaccine for children meeting the criteria listed below):

- You are uninsured;
- You are enrolled in Minnesota Medical Assistance (MA), Minnesota Care (MnCare) or Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP);
- You are an American Indian or Alaskan Native, or
- You have health insurance that does not cover the cost of the vaccine.

According to Minnesota Statute 121A.15 (immunization law for school children), your child will not be permitted to attend school if the school nurse has not received one of the above proofs of compliance by the first day of 7th grade.

We appreciate your timely attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please call your school nurse.

Sincerely,
Principal _____ School Nurse _____

Immunization Form

Enter the dates for each vaccine your child has received to date. Specify the month, day and year of each dose such as 01/01/2010.

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Immunizations required for child care, early childhood programs, and school.

Vaccine	Birth to 6 months			12 - 24 months			Kindergarten			At 7th grade			At 12th grade		
Hepatitis B															
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP, DT, Td)															
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)															
Pneumococcal (PCV)															
Polio															
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)															
Chickenpox (varicella)															
Hepatitis A															
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)															
Meningococcal (MCV4)															

Minnesota law requires children enrolled in child care, early childhood education, or school to be immunized against certain diseases, unless the child is medically or non-medically exempt.

Instructions for parent or guardian:

- Fill out the dates in chronological order even if your child received a vaccine outside of the age/grade category that the box is in. Depending on the age of your child, they may not have received all vaccines; some boxes will be blank.
 - If you have a copy of your child's immunization history, you can attach a copy of it instead of completing the front of this form.
 - Your doctor or clinic can provide a copy of your child's immunization history. If you are missing or need information about your child's immunization history, talk to your doctor or call the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) at 651-201-3980 or 800-657-3970.
- Sign or get the signatures needed for the back of this form.
 - Document medical and/or non-medical exemptions in section 1.
 - Verify history of chickenpox (varicella) disease in section 2.
 - Provide consent to share immunization information (optional) in section 3.

Instructions: Complete section 1 to document a medical or non-medical exemption, section 2 to verify history of varicella disease, and section 3 to consent to share immunization information.

Name _____

1. Document a medical and/or non-medical exemption (A and/or B).

Place an X in the box to indicate a medical or non-medical exemption. If there are exemptions to more than one vaccine, mark each vaccine with an X.

Vaccine	Medical Exemption	Non-Medical Exemption
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis		
Polio		
Measles, Mumps, Rubella		
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b		
Chickenpox (varicella)		
Pneumococcal		
Hepatitis A		
Hepatitis B		
Meningococcal		

B. Non-medical exemption: A child is not required to have an immunization that is against their parent or guardian's beliefs. However, choosing not to vaccinate may put the health or life of your child or others they come in contact with at risk. Unvaccinated children who are exposed to a vaccine-preventable disease may be required to stay home from child care, school, and other activities in order to protect them and others.

By my signature, I confirm that this child will not receive the vaccines marked with an X in the table because of my beliefs. I am aware that my child may be required to stay home from child care, school, and other activities if exposed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(of parent or guardian in presence of notary)

Non-medical exemptions must also be signed and stamped by a notary:

This document was acknowledged before me on _____ (date) by _____ (name of parent or guardian)

Notary Stamp



Notary Signature: _____ STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF _____

A. Medical exemption: By my signature below, I confirm that this child should not receive the vaccines marked with an X in the table for medical reasons (contraindications) or because there is laboratory confirmation that they are already immune.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(of health care practitioner*)

2. History of chickenpox (varicella) disease. This child had chickenpox in the month and year _____

My signature below means that I confirm that this child does not need chickenpox vaccine because:

- I am a health care practitioner and this child was previously diagnosed with chickenpox or the parent provided a description that indicates this child had chickenpox in the past.
- I am the parent or guardian and this child had chickenpox on or before September 1, 2010.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(of health care practitioner*, representative of a public clinic, or parent/guardian). Parent can sign if chickenpox occurred before September 2010.

3. Consent to share immunization information: This school is asking for permission to share your child's immunization record with Minnesota's immunization information system. Giving your permission will:

- Provide easier access for you and your school to check immunization records, such as at school entry each year.
- Support your school in helping to protect students by knowing who may be vulnerable to disease based on their immunization record. This can be important during a disease outbreak.

Under Minnesota law, all the information you provide is private and can only be released to those authorized to receive it. Signing this section of the form is optional. If you choose not to sign, it will not affect the health or educational services your child receives.

I agree to allow my child's school to share my child's immunization documentation with Minnesota's immunization information system:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(of parent/guardian)

*Health care practitioner is defined as a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.
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