



# BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## HEALTH SERVICES

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In order to protect schoolchildren from diseases of a serious nature, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that every child receive certain immunizations before being allowed to enter school. These immunizations are:

- Four (4) doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis toxoid (last one given after 4 years of age)
- Four (4) doses of Polio vaccine (last one given after 4 years of age)
- Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B
- Two (2) doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine after 12 months of age
- Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B
- Two (2) dose of Varicella (chicken pox)

Additional immunizations required for students grades 7 through 12

- One (1) dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- One (1) dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine

Additional immunizations required for students grade 12

- One (1) dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine given at age 16 or older. If this is the first dose of MCV only one dose of MCV is required.

The law makes exceptions for those who cannot be immunized for medical reasons or because of religious beliefs. If there is any medical or religious reason why your child should not be fully immunized please request an immunization exemption form from you school nurse.

If your child has not received all of the above-listed immunizations we urge you to have them completed as soon as possible. Please be advised that your child cannot be admitted to school until you have complied with the above regulations.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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