

## **New Immunization Requirements Effective August 2017**

To the parent/guardian

Effective August 2017, the Immunization Division of the Department of Health have enacted new immunization requirements for school aged children. In order to meet this mandate **ALL** incoming students must have all the required immunizations on file in the nurse's office **before** the start of the school year. Any child who does not meet this requirement will not be allowed to attend school until the mandate is complete.

**Children in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have the following vaccines:**

- **Four (4) doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis \*** (1 dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- **Four (4) doses of polio** (4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- **Two (2) doses of measles, mumps, rubella\*\*** (1<sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday)
- **Three (3) doses of hepatitis B** (appropriately spaced, last dose on or after 6 months of age)
- **Two (2) doses of varicella or evidence of immunity** (1<sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday)

\* Usually given as DTaP- one dose must be after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday

\*\* Usually given as MMR

**Children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are also required to have (In addition to the ones above):**

- **One (1) dose of Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)** (1<sup>st</sup> dose between 11-15 years of age)
- **One (1) dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)**

**Children entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade are also required to have (In addition to the ones above):**

- **One (1) dose of Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)** (2<sup>nd</sup> dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

PLEASE make arrangements now to have your child receive his/her immunizations so they are ready to start the school year on time!!! **Again, if they do not have the required immunizations prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, your child will not be permitted to begin school.**

If you have any questions, call the school nurse at 776-4210. Immunizations can be faxed to the school at (814)776-4247.