

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
7207 YOUNG STREET  
MACHIPONGO, VIRGINIA 23405**

**TO:** Parents/Guardians  
**FROM:** School Health Services  
**SUBJECT:** Entering Virginia Public Schools

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Virginia State Law requires children to have a completed physical examination before entering school. One dose of each required vaccine must have been given, with a plan from your physician or the local Health Department for completing immunizations within 90 days.

Your child will not be allowed to start school unless you have completed the following:

1. Registered your child for school with a certified birth certificate or valid proof of birth and a social security number.
  - a. An official certified copy of the child's birth record must be provided. A photocopy of the child's birth certificate will not meet this requirement. A valid proof of birth such as a Live Birth Certificate will be acceptable for only 60 days after enrollment.
  - b. A social security card must be provided upon enrollment or 90 days thereafter.
  - c. A valid proof of 911 address.
2. Had a complete physical examination on Form MCH-213 F by your family doctor. (appointment made by parent )
3. Completed the following immunizations (shots):
  - a. Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis (Dtap, DTP) – A minimum of 4 doses. A child must have at least one dose of DTaP or DTP vaccine on or after the fourth birthday.
  - b. Hepatitis B vaccine – A complete series of 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine is required for all children.
  - c. Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) Vaccine – A minimum of 2 measles, 2 mumps, and 1 rubella. First dose must be administered at age 12 months or older. Second dose of vaccine must be administered prior to entering kindergarten but can be administered at any time after minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.
  - d. Polio Vaccine – A minimum of 4 doses of polio vaccine. One dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday.
  - e. Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) – A booster dose of Tdap vaccine is required for all children entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus - containing vaccine.
  - f. Varicella ( Chickenpox ) Vaccine – All susceptible children born on and after January 1, 1997, shall be required to have had one dose of chickenpox vaccine administered at age 12 months or older. Effective March 3, 2010, a second dose must be administered prior to entering kindergarten but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.

**Any child whose immunizations are incomplete may be admitted conditionally, if the parent or guardian provides documentation at the time of enrollment, that the child has received at least one dose of the required immunizations and has a written schedule for completing the remaining doses within 90 days.**

**No certificate of immunization shall be required for the admission to school of any student if (i) the student or his parent submits an affidavit to the admitting official stating that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the student's religious tenets or practices; or (ii) the school has written certification from a licensed physician or a local health department that one or more of the required immunizations may be detrimental to the student's health, indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstance that contraindicates immunization.**