HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SIXTH GRADE ENTRY: MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Illinois State Law requires both a physical examination and immunizations for all students entering Kindergarten. These requirements must be completed anytime between now and the first day of school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Must be completed and recorded on the approved Certificate of Child Health Examination form. These may be performed by advance practice nurse’s (APN’s) physician assistants (PA’s) or physicians. Be sure your child’s form is signed and dated by the health care provider. Parents must also complete and sign the medical history portion, which is located on the upper portion on the back side of the form.

IMMUNIZATIONS: DPT, POLIO (IPV / OPV), HEPATITIS B, MMR, VARICELLA/MENINGOCOCCAL

DPT: A series of 4 or more doses are required with at least 4 weeks (28 days) between the first 3 doses. The interval between the third and fourth doses must be at least 6 months. The last dose must be given on or after the fourth birthday.

Tdap: One dose required

POLIO: 4 or more doses of the same Polio vaccine are required. The last dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday. Doses in the series must be no less than 4 weeks (28 days) apart.

MMR: Measles, Mumps and Rubella. 2 doses are required. The first must be given at 12 months of age or older. The second dose can be given 4 weeks (28 days) after the first dose, but must be given on or after the fourth birthday.

VARICELLA: 2 doses of varicella vaccine are required. The first dose must be given on or after the first birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later; on or after the fourth birthday.

MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE: One dose administered on or after the eleventh birthday

RELIGIOUS AND MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS FROM IMMUNIZATIONS

RELIGIOUS: Parents or guardians who object on religious grounds to immunizations for their children must complete a Certificate of Religious Exemption, which must also be signed by the physician, advance practice nurse or physician assistant responsible for performing the student examination. The signature on the form attests to informing the parent of the benefits of immunization and the health risks of not vaccinating their child. They must also inform parents that their child may be excluded from school in the event of a vaccine preventable outbreak or exposure.

MEDICAL: Must be provided by the physician, advance practice nurse or physician assistant with a written and signed statement indicating the medical contraindication(s) for each vaccination.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

ATHLETES: It is not necessary to have both a sixth grade physical and a sports physical; your school entry physical is sufficient for sports participation; however, a sports physical does not meet the school entry requirement.

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