



# SOUTH VERMILLION COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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Re: School Messenger call from Hannah Hoover, Corporation Nurse, regarding required immunizations for the 2020-2021 school year

Happy last day of school! This is a reminder about vaccination requirements and medication return. While acknowledging that plans have changed during the Coronavirus pandemic, the priority remains to keep your child up-to-date on their vaccinations in order to maintain their health and their ability to attend school next year.

Please know that for the upcoming school year, ALL students in grades Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have two doses of the Hepatitis A vaccination. Most of our students are already up-to-date, but if your child was in Pre-K or grades 8-11 this past school year, your child may still require Hepatitis A vaccinations. This winter, the Health Service team did our best to notify parents of this change by sending out letters with students in grades 8-11 that require either 1 or 2 doses of the Hepatitis A vaccine. The series is a 2-shot series, and the doses have to be given at least 6 months apart. We encourage you to contact your physician's office or wherever you receive your vaccinations to see if any further immunizations are required. Please use these summer months to get your series started or finished.

For Students that will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade - they are required to receive:

- 1 MCV4 (meningococcal) vaccination
- 1 Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)

\*There is a vaccine for HPV (human papillomavirus) that is available for your child, but this is an optional vaccination, and we do not require it for school attendance. You are encouraged to discuss this vaccine with your physician and make a decision that is best for your child.

Students entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade require a second dose of MCV4 (meningococcal) vaccination prior to the start of their senior year.

Plans are still being determined, but the Vermillion County Health Department is hoping to hold immunization clinics during the summer. Please check out their Facebook page for updates.

Valley Professional Community Health Centers has the mobile health bus that some of our students are signed up to visit during the school year. The Mobile Health Bus staff are hoping to be able to attend County Fairs and be stocked with vaccinations to give to students that are already registered for their services. Please check out their website at [valleyprohealth.org](http://valleyprohealth.org) for further details.

One last thing, please know that your school's health assistant or school nurse will be stationed at your school during the times of iPad return/belongings pick-up next week. We will be available to return any prescription, over-the-counter, and rescue medications to you at that time. I intend to discard any medications that are not picked up by the end of the day on Friday, May 22, unless otherwise notified.

Thank you all for your assistance in making sure your children's vaccinations are up-to-date and that their medications are picked up by the end of the school year. I hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer!

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