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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Under the law of Connecticut (Public Act 80-440) your entering pre-kindergarten or kindergarten student is required, **before he or she can be allowed to start school**, to have a **physical examination and to submit a blue Health Assessment record completed by you and the doctor**. All other school age students should have a physical within the last 12 months. This form, complete with all required health information and signed by the doctor, **must be on file at the school prior to the first day of school entry.**

This form permits the school nurse and other school officials to have access to vitally important information about your child's health. This is in the event he or she should have an illness or accident or other health-related problem while at school.

On the physical form, you as the parent or guardian should fill out Part 1. Part II must be filled out by the examining doctor (who must be licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut or in any other state) or a PA (physician assistant) or an APRN (advanced practice registered nurse) who are licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut.

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL ENTRY:

DPT/DTaP, (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus/ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis)-**at least 4 doses**

OPV/IPV, (Polio)-**three doses are required**-most recent DPT/DTaP and/or OPV/IPV **must be on or after 4th birthday.**

Hepatitis B vaccine- **three dose series**- for all grades, last dose on or after 24 weeks of age.

Varicella vaccine- **two doses**- separated by at least 3 months -1st dose on or after 1st birthday (or laboratory proof of immunity to the chicken pox disease)- **required for entry to K- 12** (one dose for entry into grades Pre-kindergarten)

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) **vaccine**- **two doses** for all grades- separated by at least 28 days- 1st dose on or after 1st birthday.

Hib vaccine-**one dose** – on or after 1st birthday for children less than 5 years old – **for Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten**

Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine- **at least one dose** to children entering Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten less than 5 years of age and born on or after 1/1/2009.

Hepatitis A vaccine - **two dose series**- **6 calendar months apart**- **1st dose on or after 1st birthday**- required for Pre-kindergarten through grade 6

Influenza vaccine - **one dose**-**required for Pre-kindergarten** between August 1st to December 31st or January 1st to March 31st- if starting PreK after December 31.

Meningococcal vaccine- **one dose**- for grade 7 to 12 entry

Tdap vaccine- **one dose** – for grade 7 to 12 entry

Tuberculosis (TB) test, (PPD) - **if indicated by the MD, given no later than 48 hours prior to starting school and** requires MD staff to read TB results before starting school, or MD may evaluate Risk or no Risk of TB and note on physical.

Immunizations for partially or uninsured children can be provided by Naugatuck Valley Public Health District (NVPHD), at 98 Bank Street, Seymour. Call the NVPHD at 203- 881-3255 for more information and an appointment.

In addition, please fill out the **Health Information Data Sheet**, in the kindergarten packet, which should be completed before you accompany your child to registration.

Any family, who objects to immunizations because of religious beliefs, must submit a religious exemption form signed by the parent, **notarized only for new entrants to the District, prekindergarten, kindergarten and grade 7**, to be filed with the school health records. Also, if immunizations are not considered advisable by your doctor because of a medical condition, a written statement signed by the doctor indicating the specific reason for the deferral of immunizations **and** a medical exemption form signed by the parent and physician must be on file with the school health office, prior to the start of school. Please contact the school nurse to obtain the appropriate forms.

If you have any questions about these matters, please call your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools