Immunization Regulation Revisions

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New York State Department of Health has revised the regulations regarding immunization requirements for school attendance effective **July 1, 2014**. The new dosing requirements are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

To summarize, this law requires the following:

- **Students entering kindergarten or 6th grade in the 2014-2015 school year will now be required to have two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine and 3-4 age appropriate doses of poliomyelitis vaccine.** All other students will be able to attend school this year with one dose of varicella, and 3 dosed of poliomyelitis (4 doses if an IPV/OPV combination were administered). This new requirement will apply to all 2014-2015 in-coming kindergarten and 6th grade students.

- Students in grades pre-K or K through 6 will be required to have age-appropriate doses of DPT, DTaP or Tdap.

- All students are now required to have three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (HBV) at intervals recommended by the ACIP.

- Two doses of MMR are no longer required for entrance into kindergarten, though students must have two doses by age 7. Students 7 years or older must have 2 doses of measles, 2 doses of mumps vaccine and at least 1 rubella vaccine.

- Your child may not be allowed to remain in school unless these requirements are met.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact your child’s school nurse.

Yours truly,

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