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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The New York City school immunization requirements have changed. A list of school immunization requirements for 2018 has been sent with this letter. You must submit proof of immunization for all children attending child care or school.

There is a new influenza vaccine requirement for all children enrolled in child care or pre-kindergarten (pre-K): All children ages 6 months to 5 years must receive one dose of influenza vaccine between **July 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018.**

Students must also meet the existing requirements for DTaP (Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoids and Pertussis vaccine), polio, MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella), varicella, PCV (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine), hepatitis and Hib (*Haemophilus influenzae* type b) vaccines. Note: The requirements for Hib vaccine and PCV depend on how many doses of the vaccine your child previously received and the age when the vaccine was given.

Review your child's immunization history with their physician. They can tell you whether additional doses of one or more vaccines are required for your child to enter child care or pre-K this year.

If you have questions about these requirements, please contact your child care center or school's administrative office.

Sincerely,

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