

February 24, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

For the 2020-21 school year, the following vaccines are required for children entering kindergarten and seventh grade:

- All students entering kindergarten must have had two varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations. This also includes first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade student entries new to the county.
- All students entering seventh grade must have had one Tdap vaccination and one meningococcal vaccination. This also includes eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade student entries new to the county.


These new vaccinations are in addition to the current school vaccine requirements.


According to the *Maryland Vaccine Requirements for Children*, students must be vaccinated in order to be allowed in school. You should work with your child's health care provider to get his/her vaccination record and to receive any vaccinations that are missing. Students who are not compliant with immunization records must be excluded from school on the first day of classes unless parents/guardians provide proof of a medical appointment with a health care provider or local health department for vaccinations within the ensuing 20 calendar days (30 days for military families).

If you are unable to get a vaccination appointment with your child's health care provider, please call Anne Arundel County Department of Health's Immunization Services at 410-222-4896.

If you have questions about vaccines that are required for school, please call your child's health care provider or the school nurse. When your child receives the above vaccinations, please provide a copy of the current vaccination record to the school nurse. **If your child has already received the required vaccinations, please provide a copy of your child's current vaccination record to the school nurse as soon as possible so that records are up to date before this school year ends.**

Sincerely,


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