



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

March 21, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

For the 2018-19 school years, 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 and fourth 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 and eleventh grade student entries new to the county.

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

Students must be vaccinated according to the *Maryland Vaccine Requirements for Children* 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,

Handwritten signature of Karen Siska-Creel in black ink.

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Attention All Parents
School Year 2018-2019



Visit your health care provider or area health center*, if you qualify.

***Due to federal requirements, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health can only provide immunizations for students who are uninsured, underinsured (insurance doesn't cover vaccines), or on Medical Assistance.**

PARENT MUST BRING SHOT RECORD!

Glen Burnie Health Center
416 A Street, S.W.
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Call for an appointment
410-222-6633

Parole Health Center
1950 Drew Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Call for an appointment
410-222-7247

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM (VFC)

What is VFC?

VFC is a federal program that provides all ACIP/CDC-approved* vaccines to eligible children from birth up to age 19.

Who is eligible?

Children and adolescents are eligible prior to age 19 if they meet any of the following criteria:

- Medical Assistance (Medicaid or M.A.) eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Underinsured

What is underinsured?

Underinsured means the insurance plan does not cover any vaccines or certain vaccines, or the plan has a fixed dollar limit or cap for vaccines. Once that amount has been met, children are eligible for VFC vaccines as "underinsured."

If your children qualify for VFC, contact your local health care provider to see if they participate in the VFC program. If not, visit the Anne Arundel County Department of Health area health centers offering immunization services by appointment or through walk-in clinics (schedule below).

Parents should bring a copy of their child's shot record to the health center.

Glen Burnie Health Center

By appointment
Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

No walk in!

416 A Street, S.W., Glen Burnie, MD 21061

410-222-6633
FAX 410-222-6077

Parole Health Center

By appointment
Mondays & Wednesdays

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

No walk in!

1950 Drew Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

410-222-7247
FAX 410-222-4323

For more information, visit the Department of Health's website at www.aahealth.org.

*ACIP/CDC - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention