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Important Message to Parents with Children Entering Kindergarten

Immunization Requirements for All Children Entering Kindergarten

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all children entering kindergarten are required to have the following immunizations:

- **Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.**
- **Five (5) doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine.**
- **Four (4) doses of Polio vaccine.**
- **Two (2) doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine.**
- **Two (2) doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.**

All children entering kindergarten are required to be up-to-date on their childhood immunizations as well as have a physical exam. This is the perfect opportunity to review your child's immunization record with his or her doctor to ensure your child is protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT FLU VACCINATION:

An annual Influenza (flu) vaccination is **RECOMMENDED** for all students. Influenza vaccine is available from October through April each year. Don't forget to ask your doctor about flu vaccine