May 2018

Vaccination Requirements

Summer is almost upon us, time for fun in the sun! It is also the time to schedule your student's physicals and vaccination appointments. There are very specific rules that we as a school have to follow to meet the state requirements for vaccinations. It is my responsibility to audit vaccination records for Kindergarten, 6th grade and all new transfers to our school.

Kindergarten requirements:

- *4 doses of DTaP and 4 doses of IPV, with both of these vaccines the last dose has to be after 4 years old
- *2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- *2 doses of Varicella (If your student had the chickenpox, instead of the vaccines, that will need to be documented with a date and parent signature)

6th grade requirements were changed last July

- *1 dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)
- *1 dose of MCV4 (Meningococcal ACYW)
 - **If a child is 10 years old when entering the 6th grade they have 45 days after their 11th birthday to be vaccinated

Transfer students: New rules in 2016

*ALL transfer students regardless of grade, need all immunes that are required for the grades below them, including 2 Varicella

Examples:

- 1. If a freshman transfers to a SD school for the first time, he/she will need all immunes required for KG and 6th grade
- 2. If a 4th grade child transfers to a SD school for the first time he/she will need all immunes required for KG

I have posted a record overview spreadsheet on my school web page that you can print and take to your physician to make sure your student has everything he/she needs for school. If you would like to ask me questions or have your student's records audited, feel free to contact me. In August, back to school will be easier for everyone if these vaccinations are taken care of this summer. I am wishing everyone a fun filled, safe summer!