Dear Parents:

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you information on immunizations that your child may receive

through their private healthcare provider or the South Dakota Department of Health offices (Community Health

Services-CHS). There are eligibility requirements that are taken into account for certain vaccines. Please call our

office to find out if your child qualifies.

**Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertusis (Tdap)** is available as a booster. This vaccine does have the

recommended pertussis vaccine (whooping cough) dose in it. Colleges recommend a tetanus booster be

given within 10 years of college entrance. **All Middle School Students (ages 11-14)** are currently eligible

to receive this vaccine, and 15-18 year olds may qualify based on eligibility guidelines. Please call the CHS office for eligibility criteria.

**Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV)** is the vaccine to prevent cancer of the cervix recommended for

girls age 11-26. It is now recommended to prevent genital warts in males 11-26 years old. It is a 3-shot

series given over a 6 month period. We would encourage you to consider this beneficial vaccine. Please

Call the CHS office for eligibility of 11-18 year olds.

**Hepatitis A** is a 2-shot series. There is a 6 month interval between the 2 shots. This vaccine may be of particular importance if traveling to foreign countries. This vaccine is recommended for all children 1-18.

Please call the CHS office for eligibility.

**Hepatitis B** immunizations are often recommended on the college’s immunization form. It is a 3-shot

series that has been available for a few years. Your child may have these 3 shots already. This series is

recommended for all children. **All children birth to 18 are eligible.**

**Meningococcal Vaccine (Meningitis)** is recommended for children and adolescents 11-18 years of age

and especially for college freshman living in a dormitory environment. This is a single dose vaccine. Please call the CHS office for eligibility.

**Chickenpox Vaccine (Varicella)** is recommended for children thru 18 years of age. A second dose is recommended for children who only have received 1 dose of the vaccine. Please call the CHS office for eligibility.

Our office charges a $9.00 administration fee per shot or a donation will be accepted. No eligible child will be denied vaccination based on inability to pay the administration fee. If you have questions please call our office at 688-5802.

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