Preschool and School Immunization Requirements

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

Requirements for All Children Entering Pre-Kindergarten:

- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Four (4) doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- Three (3) doses of polio vaccine
- One (1) dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- Four (4) doses of Pneumococcal Conjugate
- Four (3/4) doses of Hib or completed series
- One (1) dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.

New Requirements for All Children Entering Kindergarten:

- 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.

New Requirements for All Children Entering 7th Grade:

- One (1) dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine diphtheria-tetanus containing vaccine.
- Four (4) doses of Polio vaccine
- Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine.
- Two (2) doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine age) <u>*or*</u> a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.
- One (1) dose of Meningococcal conjugate (Meningitis) vaccine.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT FLU VACCINATION

Seasonal Flu Vaccine

The Health Department strongly suggests all children receive the seasonal influenza (flu) vaccine this year. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that can cause mild to severe sickness, and at times lead to hospitalization and even death. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a vaccination each year.