

School Nurses Offices

Acton Public Schools
Acton, MA 01720

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Dear Parent:

In order to protect children and the public from the spread of disease and in accordance with the **Massachusetts School Immunization Law (Chapter 76, Section 15)**, the Department of Health has established the following immunizations/screenings as legal requirements for children to attend Kindergarten:

1. DTaP/DTP five (5) doses
2. Polio four (4) doses
3. MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) two (2) doses, or
two (2) doses measles + one (1) dose mumps + one (1) dose rubella
4. Lead Screening one (1) screening, anytime prior to K entry
5. Hepatitis B three (3) doses
6. Varicella one (1) dose (or a physician-certified history of chickenpox)
7. PreK Vision Screen

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts also requires each child to have a physical examination after January 1 of the year entering Kindergarten, i.e. January 2011. If, for insurance reasons, your child's annual physical is not scheduled until Sept.-Dec. 2011, the school nurse will accept a physical exam from Sept.-Dec. 2010. However, a copy of the following physical exam, when completed between Sept.-Dec. 2011, must be sent to the school nurse as soon as possible.

A physician's certificate is the only acceptable evidence of immunization/screening. This certificate must contain: the month and year each dose of vaccine was administered, the date and results of the lead screening, and completion of the physical examination.

In accordance with Chapter 76, Section 15, any Kindergarten student who does not meet the above requirements, as determined by the school health services staff, will not be admitted to school. Therefore, the completed attached form must be returned to the nurse at your assigned school by August 1, 2011.

Unless we have received the completed physician form or a letter from you indicating the reason for not sending said form, we may have to delay the date of your child's entrance to Kindergarten.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please do not hesitate to call the school nurse (see information below) during the school year. If you are unable to reach the school nurse during the summer months, please contact the building principal.

Sincerely,
the Acton School Nurses

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