

TO: PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
FROM: DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES & WELLNESS
SUBJECT: **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS for KINDERGARTEN**

It is required by Indiana Immunization Law, IC 20 - 34 - 4 - 2, that all children entering elementary school in the fall of 2020 will have received required immunizations or have on file a current religious or medical waiver. The minimum immunization requirements for entry into elementary school are:

Minimum Immunization Requirements for Students Enrolled in Kindergarten :

- 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus (DT) vaccine. **4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the 3rd dose;**
- 4 doses of any combination of IPV or OPV. The 4th dose must be administered on or after the 4th birthday, and at least 6 months after the previous dose. **3 doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the 3rd dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the 2nd dose;**
- 2 doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine, on or after the first birthday;
- 2 dose of mumps vaccine, on or after the first birthday;
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles) vaccine, on or after the first birthday;
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine. 3rd dose must be given on or after 24 weeks of age and no earlier than 16 weeks after the 1st dose;
- 2 doses of varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine, on or after the first birthday, and separated by 3 months, or physician written documentation of history of chickenpox disease, including month and year of disease; and
- 2 doses of hepatitis A vaccine, on or after the first birthday.
(2nd dose at least 6 months after 1st dose)

Indiana Code 20-34-4-5 states that a child may not be permitted to attend school beyond the first day of school without furnishing written documentation of required immunizations or having a current medical or religious waiver on file. Children without this proof may be excluded from school for failure to comply with Indiana law.

Immunizations may be obtained through your family physician, one of the Deaconess school-based clinics [formerly USI Health Centers] (*located at Glenwood Leadership Academy, Cedar Hall Community School, and Lodge Community School*), Phone 812-435-0977, **OR** through the Vanderburgh County Health Department's Immunization Clinic at 420 Mulberry Street, Phone 812-435-2400, Option 1. A copy of your child's shot record is required.

Please note that children who have private health insurance (that covers immunizations) should see their healthcare provider for any vaccinations. The Health Department will see children who have Medicaid, no health insurance, or health insurance that does not cover vaccines.

If you need assistance or if you have questions, please contact your child's school nurse or the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation's Director of Health Services & Wellness, Phone 812-435-8279.