



Dear Parent or Guardian of an incoming Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade student for the new school year,

The Texas Department of State Health Services has revised the immunization requirements that take effect at the beginning of the school year. The following are the changes that are being implemented:

**Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade additional requirements**

- Hepatitis A – two doses of Hepatitis A with the first dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday
- MMR Vaccine – two doses of MMR vaccine with the 1<sup>st</sup> dose received on or after the first birthday
- Varicella Vaccine – two doses of varicella vaccine, with the 1<sup>st</sup> dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (validation of disease accepted on separate form)

After reviewing your child's immunization record, we have noted on the Health Checklist the immunization(s) that will be required by your child to attend the first day of school.

It is our recommendation that these immunizations are obtained as soon as possible and a copy of the physician validated immunization record is turned into the school/clinic office for proper documentation.

The immunization changes are statewide, and we anticipate immunization clinics to be quite busy. Please note that if your 1<sup>st</sup> grader is already up-to-date on their immunizations, no additional shots are needed.

Thank you for your prompt attention,