

Parents/Guardians:

There have been a couple of **changes to our immunization and physical requirements for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year that you need to be aware of.**

These changes have been mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

#1: All children entering 6th grade are required to have One Dose of the Meningococcal Vaccination. This requirement is not new- it has been required since 2015.

What is new this year is that the IDPH now mandates that “The requirements for 2017-2018 for 6th grade meningococcal vaccine is on or after the 11th birthday.” So, for the vaccination to be considered valid, it has to be given on or after the child’s 11th birthday.

Unfortunately, if this vaccination is given before the 11th birthday, we will have to send the child’s immunization record to the Illinois Department of Public Health for them to review and they will then give us their decision regarding this early immunization.

#2: All incoming physicals for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year must be completed on the “Certificate of Child Health Examination” form with the date “11/2015” noted on the lower left side of the front page. This form is provided to all schools and doctor’s offices in Illinois by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

This physical form is available on the Manhattan School District website.

If a physical is completed on an older, out of date physical form, we will be required to send it back to the physician that completed it and ask them to transpose it onto the correct, required physical form.

One of the most important aspects of our jobs here is to make sure all of our students are compliant with the rules and regulations set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health and School Code.

If we can be of any assistance to you, or answer any questions you may have regarding this information, please contact us.

Sincerely,
Your school nurses