

## **New Immunization Requirements for 2009-2010 School Year**

Please be advised that the following new immunization requirements for incoming Kindergarten and 7th grade students are in addition to all other immunizations that are required. To see a list of the entire immunization requirements, please visit the Department of State Health Services website at [http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/SchoolRules\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/SchoolRules_FAQ.pdf)

### **Entering Kindergarten students in the fall will be required to have the following immunizations to begin school:**

- Varicella Vaccine, 2 doses (not required if evidence of disease i.e. chicken pox; previously state only required 1 dose)
- MMR, 2 doses (previously, the second immunization could be a measles shot only, now has to have all three components)
- Hepatitis A Vaccine, 2 doses

### **Entering 7th grade students in the fall will be required to have the following immunizations to begin school:**

- Meningococcal Vaccine
- Varicella Vaccine, 2 doses (not required if evidence of disease i.e. chicken pox; previously state only required 1 dose)
- Tdap Vaccine (previously required a TD, the state now requires Tdap for additional pertussis coverage as well as tetanus coverage)

All immunizations are required by the first day of school. Unfortunately, students will be sent home until they have received their required immunizations because of the State law.

Please comply with the new requirements so students will not miss out on educational opportunities.

Thank you