

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Pediatric Community Based Services



Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is an explanation of the current immunizations needed for a child to enter school in Baltimore County for the **2014-2015** school year. Parents are to have immunization records when registering their children for school. The immunizations required by Maryland State Law for school are as follows:

<u>VACCINE TYPE</u>	<u>COMPLETE VACCINATION STATUS</u>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	4 doses for students less than 7 years of age; 3 doses for students 7 years of age and older 1 dose of Tdap for students in 7 th grade
Polio*	3 doses for students less than 18 years of age
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)*	2 doses on or after the first birthday for students kindergarten through 12 th grade 1 dose on or after the first birthday for students in preschool and prekindergarten programs
Varicella*	2 doses on or after the first birthday for students in kindergarten 1 dose on or after the first birthday for students in preschool, first through 12 th grade 2 doses if first dose given at 13 years or older History of varicella disease documented by a health care provider, including month and year is acceptable in lieu of vaccination
Hepatitis B*	3 doses for students in preschool through 12 th grade
Meningococcal (MCV4)	1 dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) for students in 7 th grade

Additional vaccines needed for preschool:

Hib	1 dose after 12 months of age, for students less than 5 years of age
Pneumococcal	1 dose for students 2-5 years of age

*Proof of immunity by blood test is acceptable in place of vaccine history for polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B or varicella.

Note: All immunizations given within 4 days of the minimum age/spacing guidelines are considered valid.

In addition, students entering public schools for the first time are required to have a **physical examination** including completion of the Health Inventory Form within the period of 9 months before to 6 months after school entry. If you need help getting your child's immunizations, please call the Baltimore County Department of Health at 410-887-2705 for information.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Linda Grossman in blue ink.

Linda Grossman, MD, FAAP
Chief, Bureau of Clinic Services

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