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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are writing to provide an overview of the health requirements for the State of Massachusetts.

In order to comply with state law, your child must be immunized against Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTP/DTaP), Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Hepatitis B, and Varicella (Chicken Pox) before entering school, unless exempted for medical reasons with a doctor's note or religious reasons. A medical exemption must be documented by a doctor's note. A religious exemption must be in the form of a letter submitted by parent/guardian requesting exemption. Both types of exemptions must be submitted yearly.

In addition to the above immunizations, the seasonal influenza vaccine must be received by December 31st.

NEW – Influenza Requirement

Influenza	<p>1 dose; seasonal influenza vaccine for the current flu season (July-June) must be received annually for anyone 6 months of age or older by December 31st. New students entering between January 1st and March 31st must have received a dose of vaccine for the current flu season for entry.</p> <p>Depending on the child's flu vaccination history, ACIP may recommend a second dose of flu vaccine in the same season. In these cases, the second dose is recommended but is not required for entry.</p>
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NEW – Meningococcal Requirements for Grade 7 and Grade 11 students

Grade 7	<p>1 dose; 1 dose MenACWY (formerly MCV4) required. Meningococcal B vaccine is not required and does not meet this requirement.</p>
Grade 11 [†]	<p>2 doses; second dose MenACWY (formerly MCV4) must be given on or after the 16th birthday and ≥ 8 weeks after the previous dose. 1 dose is acceptable if it was given on or after the 16th birthday. Meningococcal B vaccine is not required and does not meet this requirement.</p>

Proof of immunizations must be in order for your student to remain in school. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Stefan Czaporowski
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