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Subject: School Immunization Regulations

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has issued new school immunization regulations. These revisions to the regulations are effective August 2017 and will have an impact on all of our high school students. While many of our students have all of the newly required immunizations, many more will need additional shots. Below are the new requirements:

Students in **ALL grades** need:

4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis, 1 dose after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday

4 doses of polio, 1 dose after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday

2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), both must be after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday

2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity, both after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday

3 doses of hepatitis B

Additional immunization requirements for **7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades**:

2 doses of meningococcal conjugate (MCV), first dose at 11-15 years of age and second at the age 16 or entry into 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If first given at 16 years or older, need only one

1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis

It is expected that all students will have completed these immunizations by the opening of school year 2017/18 or will be under the care of a physician with a plan to complete them. Upon your return to school in the fall, please provide the nurse with a copy of any updated shot records.