



## **PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with the **Rhode Island Department of Health Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases (R23-1-IMM)**, all children entering school are required to be up-to-date on their immunizations and their physical exam.

### **Requirements for ALL Children Entering Pre-Kindergarten :**

- Three (3) doses hepatitis B vaccine
- Four (4) doses DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- Three (3) doses polio vaccine
- One (1) dose MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- Four (4) doses Pneumococcal Conjugate
- Four (¾) doses Hib or completed series
- One (1) dose varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* proof from your child's physician stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease

### **Requirements for ALL Children Entering Kindergarten:**

- Three (3) doses hepatitis B vaccine
- Five (5) doses DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- Four (4) doses polio vaccine
- Two (2) doses MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- Two (2) doses varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* proof from your child's physician stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease

### **Requirements for ALL Children Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- One (1) dose TDaP (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) diphtheria-tetanus containing vaccine
- Four (4) doses polio vaccine
- Two (2) doses MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- Three (3) doses hepatitis B vaccine
- Two (2) doses varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* proof from your child's physician stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease
- One (1) dose Meningococcal Conjugate (meningitis) vaccine

★★ **Additionally**, students entering school for the first time (in **PRE-K, K, or TRANSFERS**) and all students entering **GRADE 7** are **REQUIRED TO HAVE A PHYSICAL EXAM.**

#### ★ **IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT FLU VACCINATION: *Seasonal Flu Vaccine***

The Health Department strongly suggests all children receive the seasonal influenza (flu) vaccine each year. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that can cause mild to severe sickness, and at times lead to hospitalization and even death. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a vaccination each year.

***If you do not have health insurance or a regular doctor, your child can get immunized at St. Joseph's Hospital's free immunization clinic: 21 Peace Street, Providence, RI 401-456-4359***

For more information, visit: [www.health.ri.gov/immunization](http://www.health.ri.gov/immunization)