

STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families of Students Enrolling to Stafford County Public Schools:

Enrollment requirements for School Entrance Physicals and Immunizations per the code of Virginia are still required during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Due to the Governor's Stay at home order many children who were due for well child checkups and care were being delayed. During the first week of May Governor Northam expressed concern for the welfare of children whose immunizations are not current. Contact your health care provider to discuss scheduling appointments to complete these requirements prior to the start of school.

A new kindergarten student, preschooler, or first through fifth grader entering a public school for the first time must furnish a report of a physical examination performed no earlier than twelve months prior to the date of enrollment. It may be used for preschoolers-fifth graders upon registering, although a more current physical is preferred. A signed certificate of immunization must be presented prior to entry. **No child may be admitted to school without these.** Students in grades 6-12 do not need to provide physicals for school entry unless they are enrolling from overseas. A TB Risk Assessment form is required to be completed during registration.

- Four doses of DTaP, with one dose after the fourth birthday; for all new students as of fall 2010
- Four doses of IPV/OPV, with one dose after the fourth birthday; for all new students as of fall 2010
- Two doses of Measles and Mumps vaccine, and one dose of Rubella vaccine (usually given as MMR), first dose given at 12 months and second dose at 4 years old/before entering school
- Three doses of Hepatitis B following the recommended schedule
- Two doses of Varicella vaccine for students entering kindergarten as of fall 2010; at least one dose Varicella vaccine for all students, two doses required for grades K-6
- A Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) booster is required of students grades 7-12
- An HPV(Human Pappillomavirus) vaccine is recommended for girls entering 6th grade as of fall 2009. FDA approval has been made for boys to also receive HPV.
- A Pneumococcal vaccine (PCV) booster is required of all students age 24 to 60 months as of 2014

Immunization records must show the month, day, and year of vaccines received as well as signature of health care provider.

Students who do not have the necessary immunizations and/or a physical examination are not allowed to attend school. However, students may be conditionally enrolled if their health records indicate that they have had a current dose of the vaccines and parents present a written schedule from a physician for completing the immunizations within 90 days of enrollment.

***Our mission is to provide specialized programs, services, and supports
that address the unique needs of our students.***

Should you need assistance in obtaining the necessary immunizations for your child and/or health records, please call your child's physician or the Stafford County Health Department at (540) 659-3101. The Stafford County Health Department offers free immunizations every Monday by appointment only.

We are looking forward to working with your child in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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