

Trinity Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

With the start of school approaching, I would like to notify you of some very important information. All standard health appraisal and immunization requirements will apply for the 2020-2021 school year. Please review the information outlined in this letter. Contact your child's Primary Healthcare Provider for guidance in complying with these requirements. If you have additional questions, you may contact your child's school.

Immunization/Health Appraisal Request Letter to Parents of Students in Pre K-12

Immunizations

All students entering or attending school in NYS, including distance learning, must be immunized. Your child may be missing one or more immunizations (shots) for school entry or attendance.

Please contact your child's health care provider (MD, NP, PA) so they can provide the immunizations your child needs. The age at which vaccines (shots) are given must match the NYSDOH Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance Chart.

Pre K/Kindergarten-6th Grade Requirements:

Check with your child's health care provider to see if your child needs immunizations prior to entering school.

Tdap requirements in the 2020-2021 school year are:

- Students entering 6th grade will need a Tdap no earlier than 10 years of age and no later than 11 years of age.
- Students in grades 7- 12 doses will need a Tdap no earlier than 7 years of age.

Meningococcal requirements in the 2020-2021 school year are:

- Students entering grade 7 are required to have the first dose of meningococcal conjugate no earlier than 10 years of age.
- New entrants in grades 8-12 are required to have the first dose no earlier than 6 weeks of age.

- Schools can accept the following immunization records as proof of immunization:
- An immunization record from your health care provider or health department.
- An official copy of the immunization record sent directly from your child's previous school with the dates given.
- A NYSIIS/NYCIR Immunization Registry record.
- A blood test (titer) lab report that proves immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Hepatitis B.
- A note from your health care provider with the date your child had Chicken Pox (varicella).

Please return your child's immunization record to the School Health Office.

Immunizations are also available through your local county health department at: 70 Bunner St, Oswego, N.Y. 13126. Please call 315-349-3547 for an appointment.

New York State Public Health Law, Section 2164 requires that schools will not permit a child to attend school unless the parent provides the school with a certificate of immunization or proof from a physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant that the child is in the process of receiving the required immunizations. All health care providers that give immunizations to children are required to enter the immunizations they provide in NYSIIS or NYCIR within 14 days.

NYSDOH Immunization Regulations are available on the NYSDOH website.



Health Appraisals

New York State law requires that each child in a school district have a health examination including body mass index before entering school for the first time, and again in grades Pre K, or Kdg, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11. Students wishing to play interscholastic sports or requesting work permits must have an annual health exam. A dental exam form is also requested, but not required at these same times.

Your own health care provider is always the best choice for these exams. We encourage you to call early as it may take several weeks to schedule exams during the busy summer and fall months.

We have included a form for your health provider to complete. We can accept any exam form dated before January 30th 2021. You or your provider may return the completed form to the school health office.

If you do not provide an exam form by January 30, 2021, an exam will be scheduled with our school medical director.

Upon completion of in-school exams, you will be informed of any important findings and need to follow up with your health care provider.

Important Forms

 $\underline{http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/ReqNYSSchoolHealthExamForm.pdf}$

http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/dent/dental-health-certificate.pdf

Thank you!

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