

ALL PRINCIPALS/AP'S: 2012-2013 School Entrance Immunization Requirements **\*\*NEW CHANGES\*\*****Category: For Your Information****Audience:** All Principals/APs

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

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Florida Statute 1003.22 mandates compulsory immunization as a prerequisite to school attendance. Updated information regarding NEW compulsory immunization requirements for school attendance.

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- By law, all students who are entering, attending, or transferring to a public school in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade must have a completed Florida Certification of Immunization form DH680, Part A, B, or C, or a religious exemption form-DH 681. Please note that the *Certification of Immunization*, DH 680 form, can now be printed in white, blue or any color paper. Schools should accept the DH 680 form if printed on white, blue or any color paper. Forms may be completed by hand or printed from the Florida State Online Tracking System (Florida SHOTS).
- Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, students entering, attending or transferring to the following grades for the first time (**Pre-K, 5th, 6th 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades**) in a Florida school will be required to have **one dose of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.**
- Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, students entering, attending or transferring to **Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade** will be required to have **two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.**
- The varicella vaccine is not required if the student has documented history confirming that he/she has previously been infected with varicella. Please note, students that have been retained in the 11th grade must obtain one dose of the varicella vaccine or show documented history of a previous varicella infection. In addition, students that have been retained in 4th grade must obtain two doses of the varicella vaccine or show documented history of a previous varicella infection.
- Students entering, attending, transferring, or being retained in the **7th grade will be required to be inoculated with the Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.**
- **Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the final dose of IPV (polio) vaccine must be administered on or after the student's 4th birthday for entry into Kindergarten. A 5th dose is required if the 4th dose was administered prior to the 4th birthday. Students in grades 1 through 12 do not have to be recalled if all 4 polio doses were administered prior to the 4th birthday (this requirement applies only to students entering Kindergarten effective for school year 2012-2013).**
- Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine is required for children from two months through 59 months of age.
- Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) vaccination is required for public/private preschool from two months through 59 months of age. The number of doses required for Hib

vaccination varies, depending on the child's age and type of vaccine received.

- Two valid doses of measles vaccination (MMR) are required for students enrolling in/attending Kindergarten through the 12th grades.
- The Hepatitis B (Hep-B) vaccine series is required for students enrolling in/attending pre-Kindergarten through the 12th grades.
- In accordance with the Florida Plan for School Health Services, all pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade students must submit documentation verifying that a Students' Health Examination was performed within the 12 month period preceding initial entry into a Florida school. A completed Student Health Examination (DH 3040) Form, including proof of a Tuberculosis Clinical Screening and appropriate follow up if necessary, should be completed and signed by a licensed practicing health care provider, and presented to the school during initial registration.
- If you need additional information, please visit the Comprehensive Health Services website at, <http://comprehensivehealthservices.dadeschools.net/> and click on the *Health Requirements* tab.

Please distribute this information to appropriate personnel.

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