



Attention Parents

Will your child be going into grades 6 through 9 in the coming 2006-2007 school year – beginning August 27, 2007?

Under a new Maryland law, students going into grades six through ten in the coming 2007-2008 school year will need to provide schools documentation of immunizations against hepatitis B and chickenpox, also called varicella.



What will happen if my child is not vaccinated?

Children who have not been vaccinated against hepatitis B and chickenpox will not be able to attend school – this means your child will be excluded from school until these vaccinations are received.

Where can I get my child vaccinated?

Contact your child's healthcare provider today to schedule an appointment. If your child does not have insurance or your insurance does not cover the cost of vaccinations contact the Frederick County Health Department Immunization Program at 301-631-3342. Once your child is vaccinated submit documentation to your child's school.

What if my child has already been vaccinated or had chickenpox?

School nurses are currently reviewing children's health records to ensure they have these vaccinations. Make sure your child's school health record is up-to-date with your child's vaccinations including history of chickenpox disease. Contact your child's healthcare provider to get a copy of your child's vaccination record and give it to the school nurse. **If your child had chickenpox provide your child's school nurse with the month and year your child had chickenpox on Varicella Certification Form.**

What vaccines must my child going into grades 6 – 10 have in order to attend school this year?

All children entering grades 6 – 9 must receive the following vaccines before the first day of school.

- **Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine** OR be able to document a history of chickenpox disease – you will need to know the month and year your child had chickenpox.
 - Chickenpox vaccine for children under age 13 requires 1 shot.
 - Chickenpox vaccine for children age 13 and older requires 2 shots – one month apart. Your child needs to have the first vaccine before school starts and then complete the second shot in one month.
- **Hepatitis B vaccine**
 - This is a series of 3 vaccines given over a six-month period.
 - Your child needs to have the first vaccine before school starts and then completes the series in the appropriate time period during the school year.

Make sure the start of your child's school year begins smoothly.

Don't delay, vaccinate today.

