

## PENNSYLVANIA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Under regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, **ALL** children entering school are required to provide written proof of having received the following immunizations:

### ELEMENTARY:

- **4 doses of DPT, Td or DR vaccine** (one after age four)
- **3 doses of Oral Polio Vaccine**
- **2 doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccine** (usually given as MMR)
- **3 doses of Hepatitis B Vaccine**
- **Proof of a current (within one year) negative Tuberculin test or chest x-ray** is required for **those students who have lived abroad**. A BCG does not preclude the student from having a tuberculin skin test. However, the parent may elect to skip the skin test and have a chest x-ray completed for proof of absence of disease.
- **Varicella (chicken pox) immunity**, either from vaccination (1 dose), history of disease or laboratory testing (Mandated beginning 2002-2003 school year).

### SECONDARY:

- **3 doses of DPT, Td or DR vaccine**
- **3 doses of Oral Polio Vaccine** (Students 18 years of age and older are exempt.)
- **2 doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccine** (usually given as MMR)
- **Proof of a current (within one year) negative Tuberculin test or chest x-ray** is required for **those students who have lived abroad**. A BCG does not preclude the student from having a tuberculin skin test. However, the parent may elect to skip the skin test and have a chest x-ray completed for proof of absence of disease.
- **3 doses of Hepatitis B Vaccine**
- **Varicella (chicken pox) immunity**, either from vaccination (1 dose for students age 12 or younger, 2 doses for students age 13), history of disease or laboratory testing

If immunization is against your religious beliefs or you have a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief, you must sign the reverse side of the "Certificate of Immunization" stating your reason. If immunization is not medically advisable at this time, a physician (MD or DO) must sign the medical exemption on the reverse side of the Certificate.

Your child may attend school provisionally if you can provide evidence of at least one (1) dose of each vaccine and a plan for completion of the remaining doses of vaccine is provided to the school. Your child's health record will be reviewed every sixty (60) days until completion of the required dose. Please furnish to the school the dates additional doses of vaccine are received. All immunization requirements must be completed within eight (8) months of entrance to school. If the requirements are not met, the school administrator shall undertake suspension procedures.

**In accordance with the above regulations, your child will not be admitted to school until the certificate of immunization or exemption is completed by your physician or other health care provider.**