



**A recent physical exam and  
a record of up-to-date immunizations  
are required prior to entry into school.  
Please submit when registering your child.**

### School Year 2020 - 2022 **Pre-Kindergarten** School Health Requirements

- Health Examination by MD, APN, or PA with findings on the State of Illinois form.
- Polio vaccine: 3 or more doses of administered at intervals of no less than four weeks apart
- DTP/DTaP vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis): 4 doses: the first 3 doses no less than four weeks apart. The interval between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> or final dose must be at least six months
- MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): 1 dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday
- Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) immunization according to Hib schedule
- Hepatitis B vaccine: 3 doses at appropriate intervals
- Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine: 1 dose on or after the first birthday or proof of immunity or disease from health care provider
- Lead screening: Questionnaire and/or blood test ~ According to Illinois law, all children 6 months through 6 years of age must be assessed for lead poisoning before entering day care, preschool or kindergarten
- Diabetes risk assessment screening per IDPH rules: BMI>85%; Family History; Ethnic Minority; Signs of Insulin Resistance
- Pneumococcal Disease: children less than 5 years old in preschool programs must show proof of at least one dose of pneumococcal vaccine

#### Illinois Physical Exam and Immunization Requirements

*Illinois law requires that all students entering a pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, sixth, or ninth grade program, or students transferring from out-of-state, have a physical examination within one year prior to the date of entering the school. The examination involves all components given on the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination, including a complete immunization record, medical history, diabetes screening and lead assessments. Students transferring from another Illinois school must present copies of their current Illinois school health records. A dental exam is a State requirement for kindergarten, second, sixth and ninth grades. An eye exam is required for kindergarten students and students new to Illinois schools.*

*Section 27-8.1 of the Illinois School Code states "if a child does not comply...then the local school authority shall exclude that child from school until such time as the child presents proof of having had either the health examination or those required immunizations which are medically possible to receive immediately."*

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Religious Objections: Parents or guardians of a student may object to health examination, immunizations, and vision and hearing screening tests for their children on religious grounds. A Certificate of Religious Exemption completed by parent and signed by a physician must be submitted to the school office. The specific grounds for objections must be provided in writing. The objection must set forth *the specific religious belief* that conflict with the examination, immunization or other medical intervention.

Medical Contra-indications: If a child cannot be fully immunized because of health reasons (medical contra-indication), the physician must state this fact on the health examination certificate. If for medical reasons one or more of the required immunizations must be given after the date of entrance of the current school year, a *schedule* for the administration of the immunizations and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay must be signed by the health care provider who will administer the needed immunizations; this will be kept on file at the local school. If a child is delinquent for a scheduled appointment for immunization, he/she is no longer considered to be in compliance.

*In the event of one diagnosed case of communicable disease such as measles or whooping cough, any student who is not protected by immunization shall be immediately excluded from school. This exclusion shall be in effect for 21 days following the last reported case or until the student can show proof of immunity.*