

Edgar County Community Unit School District #6

"To empower all students to succeed in a changing world!"

To: Parents of Children Entering Kindergarten

From: School Nurse Trisha Brinkley

Immunizations

Children entering Kindergarten in the State of Illinois are required to have certain immunizations prior to starting school. The following immunizations must be given and recorded by your physician or health clinic prior to the first day of school.

DPT-at least 4 doses with the last dose being a booster on or after the 4th birthday

Polio-at least 4 doses with the last dose being on or after the 4th birthday

MMR (Measles, Mumps or Rubella)-given no earlier than 12 months of age, a 2nd

booster is required for all school age children before starting school

Varicella/Chicken Pox-2 doses; 1st dose administered on or after the 1st birthday and 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks after the first dose or proof of prior varicella/chicken pox virus documented by physician

Hepatitis B-3 doses, intervals of at least 4 weeks between 1st and 2nd dose, and at least 4 months between 1st and 3rd dose

Immunizations are available at your doctor's office or county health department. Take all your child's shot records with you. If immunizations are not up to date, please present a schedule of future immunizations from a physician or clinic to the school.

School Physical

Your child must have a physical exam (certificate of child health examination) including the lead and diabetes screening questionnaire. Past history of a blood lead test is required due to Edgar county being high-risk for high lead levels in children age 6 and younger. Both sides of the health exam must be filled out thoroughly by the doctor and the health history filled out by the parents before entering Kindergarten. The health history section on the back of the form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian. The immunization section needs to be updated.

Dental Exam

A dental exam performed by a licensed dentist is required for all students entering Kindergarten. Students have an opportunity for free dental exams two times during the school year.

Vision Exam

A vision exam is required for students entering Kindergarten. This needs to have been completed within the last year by an optometrist.

Medications

If your child requires any daily medications to be given during school, a School Prescription Medication form must be completed by your physician. This form is necessary for any daily medicines or antibiotics to be given at school following an illness, or medicines on an as needed basis such as inhalers. An Over The Counter Medication form is also available for you to sign. This form gives permission for the school to administer over the counter medications to the student for occasional symptoms.

School physicals and immunizations must be completed before your child can start school. If you are unable to complete the physical and/or immunizations by the first day of school,

documentation of an appointment must be provided prior to your child starting school for them to attend. If you have any questions, please give me a call 269-2022.