

New Hope-Solebury School District School Health Services

[REQUEST for required health information – immunization requirements for upcoming Kindergarten, Seventh and Twelfth Grade Students 2018/19](#)

Dear Parent/Guardian of an upcoming Kindergarten, Seventh and Twelfth Grade Student 2018/19,

In March 2017, the Pennsylvania Department of Health revised the mandated immunization requirements (28 Pa. CODE Ch23.) for all students, effective the 2017-2018 school year. This revision replaced the 8-month provisional period for immunizations with the new requirement of a 5-day provisional period. Pennsylvania requires documentation of immunizations for students upon original entry to school with additional required doses upon entry into 7th and 12th grades. **Per the Pennsylvania State Code, your child must be up-to-date on all required immunizations by the fifth day of the school year in September. We must exclude students from attending school beginning the fifth day of the new school year unless there is physician documentation of a plan provided with dates for administering all missing immunizations in a timely manner.** Students will be readmitted when proper documentation is provided. Please follow the link to the PA Department of Health which lists the current immunization requirements for attendance in PA schools. Please note the additional **Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine (MCV)** requirement for incoming 12th grade students.

<http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Immunizations/Documents/SIR8.pdf>

Students may be exempt from immunizations for medical, religious, and ethical reasons. Please contact the school health office for more information.

If your child does not have the above vaccine, you will need to make an appointment with your child's physician, or you may contact the Bucks County Department of Health at 215-345-3318 to arrange a time to have the vaccine.

The immunization documentation should be returned to your School Nurse as soon as possible.

Please feel free to call me if you have questions or concerns. Your cooperation is very much appreciated!

Thank you,

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