

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Engaging, Enriching, and Empowering All Students  
through a World-Class Education*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In March 2017, the Pennsylvania Department of Health revised the mandated immunization requirements (28 Pa.CODE Ch23.) for all students, effective for the 2017-2018 school year. This revision **replaces** 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 see the attachment from The PA Department of Health which lists the current immunization requirements for attendance in PA schools. **Please note the NEW, additional Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine (MCV) requirement for incoming 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.**

These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reasons, religious beliefs or philosophical/strong moral or ethical convictions. Students classified as homeless or with refugee status have an extended deadline.

You may check your child's school immunization record by consulting with your child's physician. Please call us if there is a problem obtaining this required information so that we avoid any potential interruptions to your child's education.

More immunization information is available by visiting the following web address:  
<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/028/chapter23/subchapCtoc.html>

We are communicating all of this news early to help our families plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools