

REMINDER

Important Message to Parents with Children Entering Kindergarten

Immunization Requirements

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all children entering Kindergarten are required to have the following immunizations:

- **Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine**
- **Five (5) doses of DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) vaccine**
- **Four (4) doses of Polio vaccine**
- **Two (2) doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine**
- **Two (2) doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease**

All children entering Kindergarten are required to be up-to-date on their childhood immunizations as well as have a physical exam. Please take this opportunity to review your child's immunization record with his or her doctor to ensure your child is protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases.

Important reminder about flu vaccination:

An annual influenza (flu) vaccination is **RECOMMENDED** for all students. Influenza vaccine is available from October through April each year. Be sure to ask your doctor about flu vaccine.

For more information, please visit: www.health.ri.gov/immunization/for/schools