

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you and your child begin preparing for Kindergarten in August, Clarksville-Montgomery County School System would like to remind you of the rules regarding immunization requirements for school entry. These requirements are necessary for your child to be admitted into Kindergarten next school year.

The Tennessee Department of Health has issued immunization requirements for all students entering into Kindergarten and are as follows:

- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate) – if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, the 5<sup>th</sup> dose is not required
- Hepatitis B (HBV) – total of 3 doses
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2 doses of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV) – final dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Varicella (2 doses or history of disease)
- Hepatitis A – total of 2 doses, spread at least 6 months apart

Since 1986, Tennessee state law has required facilities to accept **only** the **Official Certificate of Immunization**. Proof of immunization **must** be on the certificate and **not** attached to it. Your healthcare provider or the health department will provide you with the certificate when you take your child for his/her required immunizations. School staff, including the school nurse, cannot complete the certificate or make changes to it. This must be done by your healthcare provider.

Please make arrangements with your healthcare provider, the Health Department or one of the Immunization Partners on the list provided for your child to receive these new immunizations prior to the first day of the school year. The Montgomery County Health Department is open Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30pm to serve low-income and uninsured families. Please contact the Montgomery County Health Department for additional information at 931-648-5747.

It is state law that no child be permitted to attend school until proof of immunization is provided to the school. Please see our policy on medical/religious exemptions for more information.

For additional information, please visit the TN Department of Health website at <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/immunization-program/ip/immunization-requirements.html>

Please feel free to contact the school nurse for any questions or additional information. You may also contact the District Registered Nurse, Danielle Kriminger, at 931-920-7976.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Danielle Kriminger, BSN, RNC  
CMCSS District Registered Nurse