

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you and your child begin preparing for the Pre-Kindergarten Program in August, the 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 Pre-Kindergarten next school year.

The Tennessee Department of Health has issued immunization requirements and an Official Immunization Certificate that is required for your child to enter school.

The regulations that apply to all students entering Pre-Kindergarten are as follows:

- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate)
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (1 dose of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Varicella (1 dose or history of the disease)
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (Hib) - age younger than 5 years old only
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) - age younger than 5 years old only
- Hepatitis A-1 dose required by 18 months of age or older
- Physical – within 12 months of starting PreK

Since 1986, Tennessee state law has required facilities to accept **only** the official **Certificate of Immunization**. Proof of Immunization must be on the new 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 or make changes to the certificate. This must be done by your healthcare provider.

Please make arrangements with your healthcare provider, one of the immunization partners provided on the attached list or the health department 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.

Additionally, all Pre-K students that are entering CMCSS for the first time must provide evidence of a current and complete medical examination within the past one calendar year. This can be documented on the top of the Tennessee Certificate of Immunization, but must be signed by a healthcare provider.

It is state law that no child shall be permitted to attend school until proof of immunization is provided to the school. 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

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