

PHS Health Information Reminder by Grade

(Per the Rhode Island Department of Health and Rhode Island Department of Education Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs)

All students entering RI Public High Schools must have met pre-k, kindergarten, and 7th grade immunization requirements and grade specific health screenings.

9th Grade

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all adolescents entering 9th grade are required to have the following immunizations:

Two or three (2 or 3) doses of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine)

Who should receive 2 doses:

A 2-dose schedule is recommended for girls and boys starting the vaccination series *before the 15th birthday*. The second dose should be given 6-12 months after the first dose (0,6-month schedule)

Who should receive 3 doses?

A 3-dose schedule is recommended for girls and boys starting the vaccination series on *or after the 15th birthday*, and for the persons with certain immunocompromising conditions. The second dose should be given 1-2 months after the first dose, and the third dose should be given 6 months after the first dose. All children entering 9th grade are required to be up-to-date on their immunizations as well as have a physical exam.

12th grade

1.) All students upon entry to 12th grade shall furnish evidence of having met a third Health examination and Health Clearance (Physical Examination by their Dr. with a copy to the Health Office to be placed in their Health Record) This shall be performed after the student turns **16 and no later than 6 months after the student enters 12th grade.**

2.) Documentation of a Meningitis Vaccine Booster, in addition **to the 7th grade Meningitis Vaccine.**

For More information, please visit <https://health.ri.gov/immunization/for/schools/>

Important reminder about the 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 the flu vaccine.

PHS school based flu clinic will be held every year. Catch-up vaccinations are run throughout the school year at PHS; check the PHS website for specific dates and forms.

PHS Health Screenings by Grade Level

9th grade Vision Screening: Every 9th grade student will have their vision screening in school, for distance and near visual acuity as per the RI Rules and Regulations. **Unless** Evidence is present to the Certified School Nurse Teacher, that the same screening, or series of tests are provided by in the Regulations, has been completed within the preceding twelve (12) months by the student's Ophthalmologist, Optometrist, and (is on record in the health office) the student shall be exempt from this screening requirement that school year.

10th Grade Dental Screenings: Every 10th grade student shall be given an annual dental screening by a licensed dentist. Per RI Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs. This screening is total non-invasive, consists of an inspection of the student's mouth and checks for suspicious tooth decay, gum inflammations, etc. Unless students have been screened by a Private Dentist and provided written documentation that the screening has been performed by the student's Dentist and is on record in the Health Office, they shall be exempt from the requirements and may elect not to be screened. When a school Dental Screening has revealed that a dental problem may exist, the parent will be notified in writing using the standardized form of th RIDOH, so that a Dental Visit may be arranged.

Health Cards: must be updated yearly. It is important to add any new medical conditions, new medications, and/or allergies.

All Emergency Care Plans: must be updated yearly, signed by a physician and parent and faxed to the school nurse at (401) 764-5813.

Medication Authorization Forms for Tylenol and Ibuprofen: must be filled out yearly and signed by a parent.

All necessary medical forms can be found on the PHS website:

http://fosterponaganseths.ss11.sharpschool.com/for_parents/health_services

Any questions or concerns, please call or email me.

Thank you,

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