

NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEALTH SERVICES

PRE-ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

1. Physical Examinations are required before entry into Pre-school, Kindergarten, prior to school enrollment (if a new student) and in Grades 6 and 10. (A physical exam done within one year is acceptable).
2. State and local laws require the following immunizations to be completed **before** entry into school:
 - **POLIO VACCINATION** - Physician's verification of three (3) doses by entrance into school: the **last** dose received after the fourth birthday. (Effective August 2000, this includes all kindergarten students.)
 - **DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS/PERTUSSIS IMMUNIZATION** - Physician's verification of four (4) doses before entrance into school: the **last** dose received after the fourth birthday. (Effective August 2000, this includes all kindergarten students.)
 - **MEASLES VACCINATION** - Physician's verification of immunization after twelve (12) months of age and a second vaccination before entering 7th grade*. Effective August 2000, all students entering kindergarten must show proof of a second vaccination before entry.
 - **RUBELLA/GERMAN MEASLES VACCINATION** - Physician's verification of immunization after twelve (12) months of age *.
 - **MUMPS VACCINE** - Physician's verification of immunization after twelve (12) months of age *.
 - **HIB (HEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE TYPE B)** - Physician's verification of immunization on entry into Kindergarten - exempt if passed his/her 5th birthday.
 - **HEPATITIS B (HBV)** -1. Physician's verification of immunization for students born after 1/1/94: 3 doses as follows - 2 doses given at least 4 weeks apart followed by a third dose at least 4 months after the second. 2. Students entering the 7th grade August 2000 must show proof of one dose with the completion of the series before entering 8th grade.
 - **VARICELLA** -
 1. All students born January 1, 1997 or later must show **proof of immunity** to varicella (chickenpox) disease for entry into licensed pre-school programs and kindergarten .
 2. All students entering into 7th grade must show **proof of immunity** to varicella.

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Proof of immunity includes any of the following: 1. documentation of age appropriate immunization (one dose given on or after the students' first birthday if they are under 13 years of age, 2 doses given at least 30 days apart for students whose initial vaccination is at 13 years of age or older) or 2. serologic evidence of past infection, or 3. a statement signed and dated by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse indicating that the child has already had chickenpox based on family and/or medical history.

- **TUBERCULIN TESTING** –This applies only to foreign and foreign born students (new entrants and Kindergarten students) entering from a high risk country (1): Physician's verification of a tuberculin test (Mantoux) given in the USA, including the date given and the results of the test.

3. **EXEMPTIONS:**

- Religious (Proper forms are required)
- Certification from a physician stating immunization is medically contraindicated
- In the case of Pertussis, if the child has passed his/her 6th birthday

*Or written confirmation by physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse showing proof of protection based on blood testing conducted by a certified Lab.

- (1) **HIGH RISK COUNTRIES:** (As identified by the Center for Disease Control)
Central & South America, Philippines, Asia, Haiti, India, Russia, Africa,
Dominican Republic

RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE with the State Immunization and Local Laws lie with the PARENTS. The immunization record MUST be one that provides the necessary information about type, date, and dosage and is to be signed by a physician. A health record from the previous school will also be accepted.

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