

Peters Township School District  
The School Health Program and Your Child

**I. Requirements:**

- A. The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires children **IN ALL GRADES** in 2010/2011 have the following immunizations on file in the Health Office for school attendance:

4 DT (1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)    2 Measles, Mumps, and Rubella  
3 OPV    3 Hepatitis B  
1 Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or history of disease

***Beginning 2011/2012 school year the following additional immunizations will be required.***

**K-12**

*2 Doses of Varicella*

**Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*1 dose Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)*

*1 dose MCV (meningococcal conjugate vaccine)*

Exemptions to immunizations for medical, moral, religious or ethical reasons must be in writing. Please contact your school nurse.

- B. Pennsylvania School Law further requires that each child:

1. Entering grades K, 6 and 11 have a physical exam
2. Entering grades K, 3 and 7 have a dental exam
3. Entering from out of state have a current physical exam and dental exam

- II. **Screenings:** The school nurse provides state mandated school screening listed below. However, it must be emphasized that the screenings done in school cannot replace the need for periodic examinations by the family physician, dentist, and eye specialist.

- A. Snellen and near vision test every year K through 12
- B. Height and weight measurements, including Body Mass Index, every year K-12
- C. Hearing test for every child in K, 1, 2, 3, 7 and 11
- D. Scoliosis screening in grade 7

- III. **Recommendations:** Parents may assist in maintaining good health and regular school attendance by attention to the following:

- A. Notify your child's school nurse of any health problems or accidents.
- B. Keep your child's school nurse updated regarding chronic health conditions.
- C. Regular bedtime and wake up time. Your child will benefit by having time for a healthy breakfast and time to catch the bus without stress.
- D. Please keep your child home if affected by:
  1. Fever within past 24 hours.
  2. Nausea and vomiting during previous night.
  3. Constant coughing.
  4. Colds with heavy mucus secretions.
  5. Swollen glands.
  6. Inflamed eyes.
  7. Any questionable contagious condition.
- E. Contact your child's school nurse before they return from any contagious conditions, i.e. chicken pox, head lice, pink eye, ringworm.