

Tipton County Board of Education
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To: Parents/Guardians of **Children entering Kindergarten**

Date: March 1, 2010

Subject: **NEW STATE IMMUNIZATION RULES AND CERTIFICATES**

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDOH) has issued new immunization rules and is issuing a new Official Certificate that is required for entry into school effective July 1, 2010. All newly required vaccines are routinely recommended for all children. Most children should have already received them.

- There will now be only **one** official TDOH certificate of immunization that must be filled out by medical providers prior to entry into pre-school, pre-k, kindergarten, or as a new student. This form will only be available from a private healthcare provider or local health department.
- For children entering **kindergarten**, additional doses of existing vaccines are now required and one new vaccine will be required beginning in 2011.

Summary: Tennessee Immunization Requirements (TDOH 1200-14-1-29)

Children entering kindergarten

- Current immunization requirements:
 - ✓ Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate)-5th dose
 - ✓ Hepatitis B (HBV)- all 3 doses complete
 - ✓ Measles, Mumps, Rubella (1 dose of each, usually given together as MMR)—2 doses required by entry into kindergarten
- New ***additional*** immunization requirements:
 - ✓ Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4th birthday now required
 - ✓ Varicella (2 doses or history of disease): previously only one dose was required
 - ✓ Hepatitis A (2 doses): effective July 1, 2011

If you have additional questions, please contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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