

MEMORANDUM


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Student and Family Support and Engagement
Office of Teaching, Learning, and Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

TO: All Principals

FROM: Everett Davis, Acting Associate Superintendent of Student and Family Support and Engagement 

SUBJECT: Required Childhood Vaccinations for Preschool Programs and Schools

Summary

All students enrolled in Maryland schools are required to provide documentation that they have received the appropriate vaccinations at the required intervals. This applies to students who are new to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) (i.e. entering Prekindergarten [Pre-K], or Kindergarten, or transferring from another school district [at any grade level] or who are entering Grade 7). Maryland State law requires students to receive vaccinations on a schedule determined by the Center for Disease Control in order to attend preschool programs and schools. Students may be exempted from these requirements if a healthcare provider states that the vaccinations are medically contraindicated or for religious objections. Maryland State law requires families to provide proof of vaccinations within 20 days of the first day of school which is Monday, August 30, 2021.

Parents/guardians may contact their healthcare provider for a copy of their children's vaccination records to verify which vaccinations have been received to date. In addition, parents/guardians can view and print their children's vaccination records at the Maryland Department of Health Center for Immunization website: <https://md.myir.net/>. All healthcare providers in Maryland now are required to record vaccinations administered on ImmuNet, Maryland's secure immunization information system. Hard copies of the vaccination records are to be submitted to your school's assigned School Health Services health room staff.

Principals will receive a list from their assigned School Health Services (SHS) staff member, of students who have not provided documentation of required vaccinations, to exclude from school until such documentation is provided.

Background

The *Annotated Code of Maryland* (10.06.04.03) states that all Maryland students who are new to MCPS, as well as those entering Grade 7, are required to provide documentation that they have received the required vaccinations at the appropriate interval in order to attend school.

Important Dates

- **Monday, August 30, 2021:** Students must provide documentation that they have received the required vaccinations unless parents/guardians provide documentation of an exemption. Students may enter school if they have not received their vaccinations yet, but have evidence of an appointment to be vaccinated by Monday, September 20, 2021.
- **Monday, September 20, 2021:** Students who have not provided documentation of required vaccinations **must be excluded** from school until such documentation is provided.

Action Required

- Include information on your school's web page and principal's newsletter to remind families of the required vaccinations in order to return to school in fall 2021.
- Collaborate with SHS staff members to ensure students have documentation of required vaccinations.
- For incoming Grade 7 students, notify families that their children will need to provide documentation of one Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) and one dose of Meningococcal (MCV4).

Links/Additional Information:

[2021-2022 Vaccination Requirements](#). Please contact Mr. Steve Neff, director, Pupil Personnel and Attendance Services, via email, if you have questions regarding this memorandum.

Approved by:

Ruschelle Reuben, Chief of Teaching, Learning, and Schools