



## HEALTH SERVICES PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

### Enrollment Requirements

Every student who enters a Knox County school for the first time or who is re-entering after being in another system must provide the following information.

#### **Students entering school for the first time must provide:**

1. A completed *Tennessee Department of Health, Certificate of Immunization*. A copy may be obtained from your physician or the Knox County Health Department. A student **CANNOT** be enrolled without a completed *Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization*.
2. A physical examination completed on the *Tennessee Department of Health, Certificate of Immunization* by a medical provider and dated within 12 months prior to the date entering a Knox County School. Students may be enrolled without this information, but must present it to the school within 30 calendar days or risk dismissal.
3. Birth Certificate

#### **Students entering from another public or private system must provide:**

1. A completed *Tennessee Department of Health, Certificate of Immunization* completed by your physician or the Knox County Health Department.
2. A physical examination completed by a medical provider and dated within 12 months prior to the date entering a Knox County School. A student may be enrolled without this information but must present it to the school within 30 calendar days or risk dismissal. The completed physical exam may be attached to the *Tennessee Department of Health, Certificate of Immunization*.

Note: Knox County Preschool and Knox County Head Start physical examinations are acceptable.

#### **Immunization Exemptions:**

**Medical:** Healthcare providers must indicate which specific vaccines are medically exempted (because of risk of harm) on the new form. Other vaccines are required.

**Religious:** Requires only a signed statement by the parent/guardian that vaccinations conflict with their religious tenets or practices. If documentation of a physical examination is required, it must be noted by the health care provider on the *Tennessee Department of Health, Certificate of Immunization*. In that case, the provider may explain the absence of immunization by checking that the parent has obtained a religious exemption.

### Additional Information

Parents may contact the immunization clinic at the Knox County Health Department at (865) 215-5071 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays for students requiring immunizations.

Knox County Schools  
Andrew Johnson Building



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Tennessee Department of Health has issued new immunization requirements and a new Immunization Certificate required for entry into school. The new form will be available from your medical provider or local health department beginning April 1, 2010. All vaccinations must be up-to-date and documented on the new form prior to enrolling in Pre-school, Kindergarten, Seventh grade or as a new student entering Knox County Schools. The change is effective July 1, 2010. **The new immunization requirements are underlined:**

**Pre-School requirements:**

- DTaP or DT
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV)
- H.influenzae (HiB)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR)
- Pnuemococcal (PCV)
- Hepatitis A

**Kindergarten requirements:**

- DTaP or DT
- Polio (IPV or OPV): (final dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses or history of disease
- Hepatitis B (HBV)

**Seventh grade requirements:**

- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertusis booster (Tdap)
- Verification of immunity to varicella (2 doses or history of disease)

**New student requirement:**

- DTaP or DT
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Polio (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses or history of disease

For additional information, please contact the Knox County Health Department at (865) 215-5150 or Knox County Schools Health Services at (865) 594-3643.