



FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

To align with current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, the 2020 General Assembly passed House Bill 1090 which amends the minimum vaccination requirements for attendance at a public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school.

This legislation becomes effective **July 1, 2021**, and amends the Code of Virginia 32.1-46A.4 to require:

- Two doses of properly spaced human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (for males and females). The first dose shall be administered before the child enters the seventh grade.
- Two properly spaced doses of hepatitis A vaccine (HAV). The first dose shall be administered at age 12 months or older.
- Two properly spaced doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). The first dose shall be administered prior to entry to the seventh grade. The second dose shall be administered prior to entry to the twelfth grade.

The changes regarding kindergarten school entry vaccination requirements would be the two properly spaced doses of the hepatitis A vaccine.

The changes regarding seventh grade school entry vaccination requirements are required to present proof of their first dose of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, one booster of the TDAP, and their first dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. All are required for both boys and girls entering seventh grade. A parent or guardian has the right to decide if a child receives the HPV vaccine. A student is allowed to attend school and be missing the HPV. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with your healthcare provider. **Students will NOT be allowed to start classes without the TDAP and Meningococcal immunization without an exemption.**

If a student is entering twelfth grade they are required to have a booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. The student will not be allowed to start classes without this immunization or exemption.

Please contact your health care provider or the Health Department if your child has not had these immunizations. The Health Department Immunization Clinic does immunizations on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-3:45.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bernice Cobbs

Division Superintendent
Franklin County Public Schools