

# MEQUON-THIENSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent,

Before your child enters kindergarten this Fall, please be aware that the Wisconsin Immunization Law requires a booster dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a history of having had chickenpox. Although thought by some to be a harmless disease, Varicella can result in serious complications including bacterial skin infections, Reye Syndrome (a neurologic disorder), encephalitis, and meningitis and can be fatal.

Also, please be aware that one dose of DTaP vaccine is required after the fourth birthday. For children who are "up to date" with their preschool DTaP series this will be the final (5<sup>th</sup>) dose that is recommended to ensure prolonged protection, primarily against pertussis also known as whooping cough. For children who are not "up to date" this dose may be the third or fourth in the series and no further doses are required. Because of the four-day grace period, DTaP vaccine received four days or less before the fourth birthday is also acceptable.

The date (month, day, and year) of each immunization must be entered on the Student Immunization Record that is enclosed in this packet and available at your child's school. This should be submitted to the school your child will attend. Physician office forms will not be accepted. **All immunization information must be completed on the enclosed student immunization record form.**

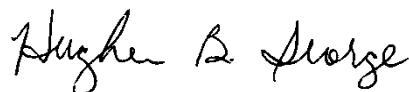
Waivers are available for religious, health, and personal conviction reasons. However, in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease, students with waivers may be excluded from school until the outbreak subsides.

You are encouraged to have your child immunized well in advance of school opening to avoid the late summer rush at immunization clinics. For immunizations, contact your doctor, clinic, HMO, or nearest public health department.

You may view your child's immunization record from your computer on the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR). The WIR is a secure computerized data system that tracks immunizations given to people. The internet address is [://dhfsWIR.org](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/wir). To obtain the dates of your child's immunizations, type in your child's name, social security or Medicaid number. In order to access your child's record their social security number must be in the system. If it is not, contact your medical provider and ask that the number be put into the WIR so that you can access your child's immunization record. Address information about your child is not provided.

If you would like further information on immunizations, please see the following websites:  
[://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/), <http://www.immunize.org/> and [://dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/index.htm](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/index.htm).

Thank you.



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