

Haddon Heights Public Schools

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL AND CURRENT 5TH
GRADERS**

New Immunizations Mandatory for School Attendance – September 2008

New amendments and rules to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4, also known as the State Sanitary Code, which establishes immunization requirements for children, will require your child receive additional immunizations. These proposed rules and amendments are to become operative on September 1, 2008 for children in New Jersey's child care centers, preschools, and school. Please speak to your doctor or clinician about these vaccines during your next appointment. Children in lower grade levels will need the Tdap vaccine and the meningococcal vaccine before they enter 6th grade.

- A new rule would require children age 2 to 59 months of age to receive The pneumococcal conjugate vaccine series.
- A new rule would require children 6 to 59 months of age to receive an annual dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31st.
- A new rule would require children born after January 1, 1996 and enrolled in Grade 6 or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country to receive one dose of the tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine (also known as Adacel or Boostrix).
- A new rule would require children born after January 1996 and enrolled in Grade 6 or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country to receive one dose of meningococcal vaccine (Menactra).

The Department of Health will be in to check student's records in the fall of 2008, and students will be excluded from school if they do not have these required vaccines.

Please send in a doctor's note when after these vaccines are administered as this is the only acceptable documentation.

Please call our office at 547-7647 ext. 4002 if you have any questions about these new requirements.

Sincerely,
Lauri MacMinn
Marie Dobrow
Theresa Hughes
School Nurses

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Please Detach Sign and Return

I HAVE READ THIS NEW IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION.

_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)