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Dear Parents of Students:

RE: Immunization Requirements School Year 2015-2016

No student may attend school in the district unless he/she has provided the school with an up-to-date certificate of immunization or a completed exemption form prior to the start date of school August 18th, 2015. Colorado Law requires that children going to school be vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases. The required immunizations for Kindergarten through 12th grade include: Hepatitis B, Tdap, Polio, MMR and Varicella vaccines.

Students who have not been vaccinated according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (ACIP) schedule in the past will need to get up-to-date immunizations that were previously not required for specific ages. Our district board policy supports the Colorado Law immunization requirements for school attendance.

For the 2015-2016 school year all preschool age students are required to receive:

- 3 doses of Hepatitis B and must include appropriate intervals between doses and appropriate age for last dose
- The 1st dose of MMR and Varicella need to be given on or no greater than 4 days before the 1st birthday to be valid.

For the 2015-2016 school year all students K-12th grade are required to receive:

- 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine;
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B and must include appropriate intervals between doses and appropriate age for last dose; and
- The 1st dose of MMR and Varicella need to be given on or no greater than 4 days before the 1st birthday to be valid.

If there is failure to comply with the immunization requirements, the parent/guardian or emancipated student will receive prompt notification from the school. If the required documentation is not submitted to the school within 14 days of notification or if the student begins but does not continue or complete the written plan, the student will be excluded from school.

For more information about children's immunizations and vaccine safety go to: www.ImmunizeForGood.com and/or www.ColoradoImmunization.com. To contact our local health department, call (970) 252-5000 or go to <http://www.montrosecounty.net/118/Childhood-Immunizations>

Please provide your child's updated immunization record each time your child receives an immunization to your child's school. If you have any questions, please contact your school health technician.