

# BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"Excellence is Expected of All"*

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Dear Parents:

Texas State law requires that immunization requirements be completed for school attendance. By law, the district must have an immunization record for each student on file.

## IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR KINDERGARTEN ENTRY

**Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Tdap/Td):** Minimum of four (4) doses of vaccine with at least one dose received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Polio:** Minimum of three (3) doses of vaccine with at least one dose received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR):** Two (2) doses of vaccine with the first dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**Hepatitis B:** Three (3) doses of vaccine

**Hepatitis A:** Two (2) doses of vaccine with the first dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and six (6) months apart

**Varicella:** Two (2) doses of vaccine with the first dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. A written statement from a parent/legal guardian or physician attesting to a child's positive history of chicken pox (varicella disease) or of varicella immunity, is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella vaccine)

Written Statement:

This is to verify that _____ had chicken pox (varicella) on _____	
(Student name)	(must list month and year)
_____	_____
Parent/Guardian/Physician Signature	Date

Immunizations are given at Department of State Health Services located at College Park Shopping Center on Monday through Wednesday from 1:00-4:00pm. You may also go to Leonard's Pharmacy from 10:00am – 12:00pm or 2:00pm – 6:00pm, your family doctor or Pediatrician.

**Please submit a current record of your child's immunizations to the school nurse/office NO LATER THAN AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 (THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL). Texas State law requires that students be fully vaccinated for school attendance. Any student not providing proof of an up-to-date immunization record (month/date/year of immunizations plus doctor/clinic) may be excluded from school attendance.**

The State of Texas only allows exemptions from immunizations for medical conditions or reasons of conscience—which include religious reasons. To claim an exclusion for medical reasons, the child or student must present a statement signed by the child's physician who has examined the child, in which it is stated that, in the physician's opinion, the vaccine required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the child or any member of the child's household. Unless it is written in the statement that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician. Families wishing to obtain the Exemption by Reasons of Conscience must write to the Texas Department of Health and request the appropriate affidavit form or obtain the form from their web site at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm>. Conscientious exemptions are only valid for two years. Schools and other providers are not allowed to grant an exemption and must receive the official forms from the child's parent or guardian to document compliance with state regulations.

