



THE Vanguard School

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KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to Kindergarten! Colorado state law requires children enrolled in school to have required immunizations and a current immunization record on file. As your child transitions into kindergarten, there are additional immunizations that Colorado law requires your child to have. The following are the immunization requirements for kindergarten entry for children ages 4-6 years:

- **DTap** (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis)-**5 doses required**, unless the 4th dose is received after the age of 4, then 4 doses are required. Final dose must be given after 4 years of age or **it must be repeated**.
- **IPV/OPV** (Polio)-**4 doses required**, unless the 3rd dose is received after the age of 4, then only 3 doses are required. Final dose must be given no sooner than 4 years of age or **will need to be repeated**.
- **MMR** (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)-**2 doses required**. The 1st dose **CANNOT** be administered more than **FOUR DAYS** before the 1st birthday.
- **Hep B** (Hepatitis B)-**3 doses required on specific calendar schedule**. The 2nd dose must be administered at least 4 weeks after the 1st dose. The 3rd dose must be administered at least 16 weeks after the 1st dose and at least 8 weeks after the 2nd dose. The final dose must be administered no sooner than 25 weeks of age (6 months or older). If timing is not met, it **will need to be repeated**.
- **Varicella** (Chicken Pox)-**2 doses required**. If your child has had Chicken Pox, then disease history from a health care provider is also acceptable as most children are immune after having the disease.

****NOTE: live viruses, such as MMR & Varicella must be given either on the same day or at least 28 days apart to be valid****

If immunizations are against your personal or religious beliefs, you must sign the personal or religious exemption on the reverse side of the Certificate of Immunization. The certificate is enclosed in this packet, but is also available on the school website under the "Parents" tab; drop down to "Medical Documents and Forms" for easy access. Physicians must sign the medical exemption certificate. **All Personal or Religious Waivers MUST** be resigned and submitted at the beginning of each school year.

Please provide the school with the proper proof of immunization, listing all childhood immunizations and dates received. You will be notified if your child does NOT have the required immunizations. If your child receives additional immunizations, please remember to turn in an updated immunization record.

Questions, please contact me: sandy.clark@thevanguardschool.com. Thank you in advance for helping to keep our school a safe and healthy place to learn!

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