



DOWNINGTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DR. LAWRENCE J. MUSSOLINE, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that as of August 2017, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is implementing changes to school immunization regulations that are intended to ensure that students attending our schools are protected against outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases. The most significant of these changes is the elimination of the provisional period that previously allowed students to attend school without their required immunizations for up to 8 months.

As a result, on the first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year, unless your child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, he or she must have all of the medically-appropriate vaccines or a plan to complete those vaccines or risk immediate exclusion from school. The attached fact sheet, provided by the Department of Health, outlines all of the immunization requirements for each grade level. For more information about the required immunizations for your child, visit www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov or contact your child's healthcare provider.

If your child has received the required immunizations, please provide your child's school nurse with documentation as soon as possible. If your child cannot be vaccinated because of religious/philosophical belief or because a physician has determined that vaccination is detrimental to the health of your child, please contact your school administrator or school nurse as soon as possible. Appropriate documentation must be provided to qualify for the medical or religious/philosophical exemptions.

Thank you for your attention to these changes and your assistance in helping the Downingtown Area School District provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

Sincerely,

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