

**NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS**  
LATHAM, NEW YORK 12110  
**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS AND HEALTH INFORMATION**

The following is a brief overview of the immunizations required prior to school entrance. These requirements and the accompanying guidelines are extracted from the New York State Education Department Regulations and Public Health Law 2164.

All children attending schools in New York State must be properly immunized as follows:  
(See specifics for unvaccinated children at the following website:  
<http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>)

- 3-5 doses Diphtheria Toxoid vaccine –4 doses (if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose of DTaP was administered at age 4 years or older, then the fifth (booster) is not necessary. 3 doses if the series is started at 7 years of age or older
- 3-4 doses Polio vaccine (OPV and/or IPV) If 3 doses were administered before age 4 years,an additional dose should be received at age 4-6 years. For children 7 years or older who have previously received less than 3 doses, a total of 3 doses are required
- 2 dose MMR given no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday
- 2 doses First Varicella given no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday
- 2 doses Varicella vaccine \*\*\*see specifics based on age
- 3 doses Hepatitis B vaccine (with third dose given at or after 6months of age)
  - The 2 dose adult Recombivax Hepatitis B series for students 11-15 years of age meets the requirements for Hepatitis B
- 1 dose Tetanus toxoid containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (Only required for students enrolling in grades 6-12 who have not previously received a Tdap at 7 years of age or older).
- 1 dose 1<sup>st</sup> Meningococcal vaccine required for students in grades 7-11
- 1 dose 2<sup>nd</sup> Meningococcal (booster) vaccine for students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade age 16 or older

The only students exempt from the above requirements are those having a certificate or written physician's statement of medical exemption.

Our records indicate that your child, has not returned documentation for the following immunizations \_\_\_\_\_. It is therefore imperative that we receive Doctor certification of the required immunization(s) as soon as possible prior to the start of the school year.

Should you need to have your child immunized, please feel free to contact the Albany County Department of Health, South Ferry and Green Streets, Albany (447-4589).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call the Health Office.

Very truly yours,

Health Office

Principal/Supervisor