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## LETTER TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

Dear Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

Our school is excited to offer an education and prevention program for school aged students in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH). The School Immunization Catch-Up Program is a federally funded initiative that provides the hepatitis B (HepB), varicella (Chickenpox), tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap), meningococcal conjugate (MCV), diphtheria tetanus acellular pertussis, (DTaP), measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), and inactivated poliovirus vaccine, (IPV) polio, vaccines to schools to offer their students who meet Vaccines For Children (VFC) eligibility.

**VFC** eligibility includes students in kindergarten through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following categories:

- Alaskan Native
- American Indian
- Medicaid – Medicaid eligible or enrolled patient
- No Insurance – An uninsured patient
- Underinsured – Health insurance plan does not cover vaccinations

Please, **Circle** the category your child falls into if you are interested in your child receiving any of the indicated vaccines at school at no cost to your family.

Our records indicate that your child appears to need:

_____ Hepatitis B	_____ Tdap	_____ DTaP
_____ Varicella	_____ MCV	_____ MMR
_____ Polio		

Information on the indicated vaccine(s) is accompanying this letter. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse. Please complete the permission/refusal form by \_\_\_\_\_.

The 2020-2021 school year, Pennsylvania school immunization requirements include the following vaccines for attendance in all grades; four doses of DTaP, three doses polio, two doses of measles and mumps, one dose of rubella, three doses of Hepatitis B, and two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. Children attending seventh grade will need one dose of Tdap and one dose of MCV.

Many people between the ages of 11 through 18 years of age think they are done with their vaccinations and vaccinations are just for children. Getting immunized is a lifelong, life-protecting job. Make sure your child "catches up" with these required vaccines which are available to your child to receive in school during the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

School Nurse

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