

An Important Immunization Update for Families to Know

Families asked to complete the following steps as soon as possible

Starting July 1, 2018, the state of Kentucky will be requiring all students in kindergarten through grade twelve to provide proof of having received two doses of hepatitis A vaccine. Since the minimum spacing between the two doses is six months, families are asked to complete the following steps as soon as possible to ensure that their child is compliant with this new regulation:

1. Consult with your child's healthcare provider to ensure that these vaccines have been given to your child, or make an appointment to begin the vaccination series.
2. Obtain an updated Kentucky Immunization Certificate from your provider.
3. Turn in a copy of a **current** Immunization Certificate to your child's school.

Also new for the 2018-19 school year, all students age 16 years or older are required to show proof of having received two doses of meningococcal ACWY vaccine. To ensure compliance, families are asked to do the following:

1. Consult with your child's healthcare provider to ensure that these vaccines have been given to your child, or make an appointment for your child to receive the vaccine(s). If your child has not previously received a dose of the vaccine and is age 16 or older, only one dose is required.
2. Obtain an updated Kentucky Immunization Certificate from your provider.
3. Turn in a copy of a **current** Immunization Certificate to your child's school.

Additionally, all children who are starting kindergarten or going into the sixth grade also have health requirements. These are not new state rules and include:

- Students in preschool or kindergarten who are ages 4 to 6 must have their immunizations updated, a dental screening, a physical exam and a vision exam.
- Students going into sixth grade: must have their immunizations updated and a physical exam (the form required by the state is different than the one required for sports physicals).

If you have not already taken your child to his/her health care provider to have these updates done, please do so before school starts in August. Families with questions may contact Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) Health Services at **485-3387**.