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Dear Parents/Guardians of Rising Kindergarteners:

As the Virginia State Health Commissioner, students and their health are a priority to me. School vaccinations are a way to keep students healthy now and into their future. This letter provides information about school vaccines for your rising Kindergartener.

Please schedule an appointment with a healthcare provider early to beat the rush. School physicals and dental visits help prepare your child for kindergarten. During the visit, **talk with your child's healthcare provider about the vaccines your child needs for school.** Routine vaccinations keep children healthy, in school, and ready to learn. Vaccines support all children's health by reducing the spread of disease.

The following vaccines are required for children entering kindergarten in Virginia:

- DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Polio

If your child **does not have health insurance**, they may be eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. You can find a Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/vvfc/locatevvfcprovider/>. These providers can give free vaccines to persons **who qualify and are not able to pay.** If your child **does not have a healthcare provider**, you can contact your local health department at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/health-department-locator/>.

Remember to **get a copy of your child's vaccine record to provide to his or her school.** A copy of your child's vaccine record may be available online at <https://myirmobile.com/>.

Please check with your child's school for other enrollment requirements. School enrollment information and a checklist are available at www.vdh.virginia.gov/backtoschool/.

For more information about **school vaccinations in Virginia**, please visit <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/>. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Mendes at andrea.mendes@vdh.virginia.gov or (804) 514-2649 or Joanna Pitts, at Joanna.pitts@vdh.virginia.gov or (804) 864-7590.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cameron Webb
State Health Commissioner

GET YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN!



- ✓ Make an appointment with your child's **healthcare provider** for a physical exam, school-required immunizations, and to complete the **[school entrance health form](#)**.

School required immunizations* for kindergarten include:

- ➔ 4 doses of DTaP
- ➔ 4 doses of Polio
- ➔ 2 doses of Hepatitis A
- ➔ 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- ➔ 2 doses of MMR
- ➔ 2 doses of Varicella



- ✓ Find your child's **original birth certificate** and **proof of address** for school enrollment requirements.



- ✓ Check with your child's school about any **additional requirements**. Information about enrollment requirements can be found on the Virginia Department of Education website: **<https://www.doe.virginia.gov/parents-students/for-parents/enrollment-in-virginia-public-schools>**



VDH has more information to help your child have a healthy start to school at **<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/backtoschool/>**



Information on the website includes:

- ➔ A **[back to school checklist](#)** to help families stay organized
- ➔ Places for your child to receive free vaccines
- ➔ Get a **[copy of your child's vaccine records](#)** and **[birth certificate](#)**

** Please visit the VDH website to learn more about school immunization requirements and exemptions **<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/>***