

FAIRBORN CITY SCHOOLS
Fairborn, Ohio
HEALTH SERVICES GRADES K-12

Dear Parents:

At the beginning of the school year, we send home to parents an outline of the State of Ohio and Fairborn Board of Education health policies. We hope that you will find this information helpful.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Ohio law, Section 3313.71.2, requires that each school year we send home with each pupil an "Emergency Medical Authorization" card (FCS 64). The purpose of this card is to make it possible for parents and guardians to authorize the provision of EMERGENCY TREATMENT for children who become ill or injured while under school authority when parents or guardians cannot be reached. Each child must have an Emergency Medical Authorization card on file. Be sure to complete BOTH SIDES of the card.

SIDE 1

1. Give your home and cell phone numbers. If you do not have either, give the phone number of a close neighbor, relative, or friend who can reach you if you are needed.
2. Indicate any health problems, including allergies, medication being taken, or physical impairments, to which the school should be alerted.

SIDE 2

1. Complete only Part I to GRANT PERMISSION for emergency treatment for your child.
2. Complete Part II ONLY if you refuse consent for emergency treatment for your child. (DO NOT COMPLETE PART II IF YOU COMPLETED PART I.)
3. Please sign Health History Informed Consent so that medical information you list may be shared with your child's teacher.

If, for any reason during the school year, your address, telephone number, or neighbor's telephone number changes, please send in a note with the new correct information, or call the school nurse. If you plan to be away from home for the day, tell your child where you will be and how you can be reached, or notify the alternate person to be notified (listed on the Emergency Medical Authorization card). This is important in the event of any emergency.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON IMMUNIZATIONS

1. According to Sections 3313.67, 3313.671, 3701.13, and 5104.011 A(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, the following immunizations are required for school enrollment.
 - A. DTP - Five (5) or more doses of DTP, DTaP, or DT (pediatric), or Td (adult) vaccine or a combination of these vaccines. If your child had the fourth dose after their fourth birthday, no further doses are required.
 - B. POLIO - Four (4) or more doses of Trivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (TOPV) live virus. If your child had the third dose after their fourth birthday, no further doses are required.
 - C. MMR (MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA) - Two (2) doses of live virus/measles vaccine for all children entering kindergarten. The first dose must have been given at age one or older, the second dose must have been given at least thirty (30) days after the first. (See Sections 7 and 8 below.) **All students entering grades kindergarten through 12 will be required to have this second dose.**
 - D. HEPATITIS B - Three (3) doses are required for all children entering grades **kindergarten and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.**
 - E. VARICELLA (Chicken Pox) – One (1) dose for all children entering grades kindergarten, 1st and 2nd.
2. PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN PUPILS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT STATE LAW AND BOARD POLICY REQUIRE THAT THE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AT ALL GRADE LEVELS AND THAT NO KINDERGARTEN PUPIL WILL RECEIVE AN ASSIGNMENT LETTER OR BE PERMITTED TO START SCHOOL UNLESS THE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET OR ARE "IN THE PROCESS" OF BEING MET.
3. To be "in the process" means that the parent must submit satisfactory written evidence that the pupil has already received one (1) measles (rubeola) immunization, or has had measles disease; one (1) rubella immunization; one (1) DTP, DTaP, DT (pediatric), or Td (adult) immunization; one (1) dose of polio vaccine, one (1) mumps immunization or has had mumps disease and one (1) varicella. The parent must also see that the DTP, DT (pediatric), or Td (adult) and polio series are completed in a timely and medically acceptable period of time. **If the immunizations are not completed in a timely and medically acceptable period of time, the pupil will be excluded from school by the principal until evidence is presented that further immunizations have been obtained.**
4. If you object to immunizations on religious, philosophical, or other reasons, you may complete an exemption form at the school nurse's office. (See Section 7 below.)

5. If your Health Care Provider says immunization might be harmful to your child, please send a written statement to that effect, signed by him/her.
6. The Greene County Combined Health District Immunization Clinic (426-6351 or 374-5600) is located at 360 Wilson Drive, Xenia, Ohio (behind Greene Memorial Hospital). No appointment is necessary at this walk-in clinic for children age 5 years and up (school age). Hours are 8 to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays (excluding holidays) and second Thursday of every month from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.. There is also a clinic every second Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Beavercreek YMCA There will be a fee.
7. MEASLES (RUBEOLA AND MUMPS) - Ohio State Department of Health regulations indicate that a pupil may be admitted to school on a parent/guardian's written statement that the child has had measles (rubeola) and/or mumps disease. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT A MEASLES OR MUMPS OUTBREAK (ONE CASE) OCCURS OR THREATENS THE SCHOOL, ONLY PUPILS HAVING A RECORD OF MEASLES OR MUMPS VACCINE OR A PHYSICIAN-CERTIFIED (NOT PARENT-CERTIFIED) STATEMENT OR A HISTORY OF MEASLES AND MUMPS DISEASE WILL BE CONSIDERED IMMUNE. Students are encouraged to receive the vaccine(s) if their history of measles or mumps disease is questionable in any way and cannot be certified by a Licensed Health Care Provider. Similarly, children who are admitted under medical/religious/philosophical waiver will lose the privilege to attend school should a measles or mumps case occur in, or threaten the school. The period of exclusion for "exempt" pupils during a measles or mumps outbreak will normally last no less than two weeks, and the exclusion period could last for one or more months. The first dose of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines or the MMR combined immunization must have been given at age one or older. The second dose must have been given at least thirty (30) days after the first. **All students entering grades kindergarten through 12 will be required to have this second dose.**
8. A child who has had mumps and/or measles disease and presents a signed statement from his/her parents or Licensed Health Care Provider stating that he/she has had the specific disease, will not be required to receive a second dose of vaccine for that disease. A child must have a history of both diseases to be exempt. However, in a measles or mumps outbreak situation this type of statement must be signed by a Licensed Health Care Provider and include the month and year of the mumps or measles infection. A history of rubella disease may NOT be substituted for rubella vaccine. Post-pubescent females are no longer exempt, except when laboratory test results, submitted by a Licensed Health Care Provider, show rubella immunity.
9. Children who have had varicella disease are exempt from the requirement. The law states "A pupil who has had natural chicken pox and presents a signed statement from the pupil's parent, guardian, or physician to that effect is not required to be immunized against chicken pox."
10. **If you have any questions or need help of any kind, please call the school nurse.**

MEDICATION

Over-the-counter medication cannot be provided by the school. In cases where a Licensed Health Care Provider has prescribed that internal medicine is to be given during school hours, the medication must be delivered to the school nurse or the principal in the original container with a proper prescription label. A signed Licensed Health Care Provider statement and a parent's or guardian's statement (FCS 66) must also be provided.

HEALTH TIPS

Keeping absenteeism down is a big concern. This is an opportunity for you, as parent, to really be of assistance. The following is suggested to protect your child, as well as your child's friends and classmates:

1. DO take a good look at your child before sending him/her to school.
2. DO NOT send your child to school with a sore throat, fever, any rashes or breaking out.
3. DO see that your child gets the right amount of sleep each night, develops good eating habits, and practices good hygiene.
4. DO NOT send a child to school to be treated for accidents that have happened away from school.

IF YOUR CHILD MISSES SCHOOL FREQUENTLY, WE URGE AN EXAMINATION BE MADE BY YOUR FAMILY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER. The school health program will be an efficient one if parents and school staff members work together.