



Important Immunization Notice for Parents of Kindergarten Students

If you have uploaded your child’s immunization record to BPS Online Registration System, we want to thank you for doing so. If you did not upload your child’s immunization record please bring it to Central Registration or your child’s school as soon as possible. If your child is still in need of immunizations before school starts, we encourage you to get that taken care of before school starts.

ND Century Code 23-07-17.1 entitled, “Inoculation Required before Admission to School”, mandates that all students receive a minimum number of required immunizations in order to attend school. Immunization requirements can only be waived by claiming an exemption for philosophical, moral, religious, or medical reasons.

Bismarck Public Schools allows only 30 days from the day a student starts school to submit a completed Certificate of Immunization to the school. Failure to comply will result in exclusion of your child from school.

A completed Certificate of Immunization (written or electronic) signed by your health care provider or a public health authority is required for school records. If you are claiming an exemption, you will need to sign a Certificate of Immunization and submit it to the school office. Certificates are available from your health care provider, Bismarck Burleigh Public Health or online at www.ndhealth.gov/immunize. Note that medical exemptions as well as proof of disease require a physician’s signature.

We encourage you to have your child complete all required immunizations. Without immunizations your child is at risk for catching a vaccine-preventable disease and infecting others. Outbreaks of pertussis (whooping cough) and measles are increasing in our country. Vaccinated children protect themselves and those around them by reducing the occurrence of disease. Thus, people who are unable to receive vaccines have less exposure to the disease because those around them have been vaccinated. This effect is known as community immunity.

If you would like further information or to schedule an appointment, please call your health care provider or Bismarck Burleigh Public Health at 355-1540. Information is also available at www.cdc.gov/vaccine and <http://www.vaccineinformation.org/>.

VACCINE	REQUIRED DOSES
DTaP	5
IPV/OPV	4
Hepatitis B	3
MMR	2
Varicella	2

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.