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Dear Shiocton School District Parents,

This letter is to inform you that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS) has made three (3) changes to the immunization requirements starting for the 2023-2024 school year.

1) Tdap vaccine is given for the prevention of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.

Current 2022-2023 School Year: The Tdap immunization was due by the start of 6th grade.

Change for 2023-2024 School Year: The Tdap immunization is due by the start of the 7th grade.

2) MenACWY vaccine is given for the prevention of 4 strains of meningococcal bacteria.

Current 2022-2023 School Year: No requirement.

Change for 2023-2024 School Year: One (1) dose required by the start of 7th grade. Booster dose required by the start of 12th grade.

3) Varicella/chickenpox vaccine provides protection against the chickenpox virus.

Current 2022-2023 School Year: Parent report of child's history of chickenpox was allowed.

Change for 2023 School Year: A qualified healthcare provider (doctor, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant) is required to provide proof of your child's history of chickenpox.

Per Public Health: Starting with the 2023/24 school year students entering 7th grade and 12th grade will need to provide documentation of receiving the MenACWY-containing vaccine. This requirement will be phased in. Students entering grades 8 -11 during the 2023/24 school year will not be affected and will not be required to have documentation of MenACWY. Students entering 12th grade will need two MenACWY vaccines and those entering 7th grade will need one MenACWY. Those 12th graders who did not receive their first dose of a MenACWY containing vaccine before age 16 are not required to have a booster- only the first MenACWY containing vaccine.

For varicella/chickenpox verification, in particular, your health care provider must fill out the varicella section of the Student Immunization Record to verify a history of chickenpox. If varicella/chickenpox cannot be verified by a qualified healthcare provider, your child is required to receive the varicella vaccine.

Please contact your health care provider to meet the above requirements prior to the start of the 23-24 school year. If you have questions about the above DHS state-wide changes, please see the WI DHS website, contact Outagamie County Public Health at 920-832-5100 or reach out to your school nurse, Kayla Duenas, at 920-986-3351 ext. 714

Sincerely,

Kayla Duenas, RN

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