



Board Member Community



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IMMUNIZATIONS ARE PART OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is reminding all parents that students will not be permitted to register for school without up-to-date immunization records. Proof of immunizations must be provided to school registrars on or before August 20, the first day of school.

The Prince George's County Health Department is scheduling appointments during **July and the first two weeks of August for free immunizations**, including follow-up immunizations that are needed to maintain compliance with new State immunization requirements.

The State of Maryland has made major changes in immunization requirements. All students in kindergarten through grade 9 are now required to show proof of Hepatitis B vaccine and Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. This change, made last year, has the greatest impact on students in grades 5-9, so our community must be proactive in preparing our children for the upcoming school year.

Please review the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's "Back to School Immunization Requirements," which is available online at <http://www.edcp.org/html/schoolrequire.html>. Acceptable proofs of full immunization compliance include the Maryland Immunization Certificate 896, or a computer generated print-out from a licensed physician's office.

For information and to make an appointment for a free immunization, call the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-583-3300. Any parent who does not have health insurance for their child's other medical needs can call the Healthline at 1-888-561-4049.

We thank all parents in advance for your prompt attention to this matter!

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