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RE: Changes in Texas Immunization Requirements

Parents/Guardians;

On March 5, 2009, the Executive Commissioner on Health and Human Services revised Immunization Requirements for Children and Students in the Texas Public and Private Schools.

The changes to the requirements were made in order to update the Texas elementary and secondary school immunization requirements so that they remain close to the recommendations of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices. These are not all the immunizations a student is required to have, only the changes. Visit [www.immunizetexas.com](http://www.immunizetexas.com) for complete schedule of immunization requirements. The below show the **changes:**

**Hepatitis A Vaccine:** *Beginning August 1, 2009*, all students entering kindergarten, statewide, will be required to have 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine.

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine:** *Beginning August 1, 2009*, all students entering Kindergarten will be required to have 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine

**Varicella Vaccine:** *Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009*, all students entering Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have 2 doses of Varicella Vaccine. A written statement from a parent or legal guardian, school nurse, or physician attesting to the child's positive history of varicella disease (chicken pox), or varicella immunity, is acceptable instead of either dose of varicella vaccine.

**Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussin-containing Vaccine (Tdap):** *Beginning August 1, 2009*, all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have 1 dose of Tdap vaccine. Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have a booster dose to Tdap only if it has been 5 years since their last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in grades 8-12 are required to have a booster dose of Tdap if it has been 10 years since their previous dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Td (tetanus) is acceptable instead of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.

**Meningococcal Vaccine:** *Beginning August 1, 2009*, all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have one dose of Meningococcal Vaccine.

You may visit the website at [www.immunizetexas.com](http://www.immunizetexas.com) for vaccine requirements, exemptions, provisional enrollments or other questions or, you may call Melissa Burden, your school nurse at the above number or email at [mburden@brockisd.net](mailto:mburden@brockisd.net). Thanks.