

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP

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## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Pennsylvania School Health Law **requires** all students to have **Medical** and **Dental** exams within one year **prior to a student's entry** into the grade in which an exam is required—

- Medical Exam (for all new students & Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> grade & 11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Dental Exam (for all new students & Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & 7<sup>th</sup> grade)

If the student's examination history does not meet these timelines, please make the necessary arrangements to have the examinations. If a student is entering the School District of Cheltenham Township and/or the 6<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade, I recommend that the aforementioned examinations be conducted by a family physician and/or dentist, who is familiar with the student's health history and would be in the best position to recommend immediate steps for necessary remedial care. If you do not have a private physician at this time, please see enclosed material.

Under regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the following immunizations are required for all students, K-12, as a condition for attendance to school. **Those children whose immunization record is incomplete or not provided will be excluded from school.**

Children **IN ALL GRADES** need the following:

- 4 doses of tetanus\* (1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 4 doses of diphtheria\* (1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles\*\*
- 2 doses of mumps\*\*
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles)\*\*
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or history of disease
- A Tuberculosis (TB) test **with negative reading** is required of any new enrollee from foreign countries, homeless, TB endemic area and any situation deemed high risk.
  - \* Usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td
  - \*\* Usually given as MMR

Children **ENTERING** 7<sup>th</sup> grade need the following:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)  
(if 5 years has elapsed since last tetanus immunization)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

If your child is exempt for medical reasons or religious beliefs please provide written documentation stating the reason. If your child is exempt from immunizations, he/she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

Please return completed forms to your child's school nurse.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Gallagher, RN, BSN  
Nursing Coordinator, Certified School Nurse