



## **ATTENTION PARENTS:**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has required that all students attending public and private school shall submit evidence from a physician that they have received the immunizations listed below. **Please present the immunization book, clinic record, or physician's record (a copy is acceptable) for the nurse to update your child's vaccine history.** Upon receipt the school nurse will examine the record and inform you whether your child needs any further immunizations. **Immunization Records may be faxed to New Covenant Christian School at (717) 274-9830. Documentation must be received by New Covenant Christian School before the student is permitted to attend school. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### **The required immunizations for students in all grades K4 through 12th, are as follows:**

- 4 doses of polio (4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 4 doses of diphtheria/tetanus (and pertussis, if medically advisable) 1 dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (usually given as the MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or history of the disease

### **In addition, children going into in grade 7 need:**

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

### **In addition, students need the following prior to entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade:**

\*1 additional dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV,) if no dose of MCV was given at 16 years of age or older

### **The following examinations are required by the State Department of Health:**

- Physical exam: Entrance to school (K4 or K), 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Dental exam: Entrance to school (K4 or K), 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

The Pennsylvania Department of Health provides low or no cost immunizations to students with no insurance or insurance that does not cover immunizations. Call **(717) 272-2044** to schedule an appointment at their Lebanon location.

The only exemption to the school laws for immunizations is for medical reasons (physician letter required) or religious/strong moral beliefs. A form letter is available through the Admissions Office if you are requesting exemption. If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

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