



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

In addition, children going into 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 12th grade:

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

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

The following examinations are required by the State Department of Health for certain grades:

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

If your student is entering one of the grades listed above, please submit the completed exam form prior to the first day of school. The **"Private Physical Exam"** and the **"Private Dental Exam"** forms are provided if your child's entrance to the school or grade requires this examination and documentation.