



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that the PA Department of Health has made changes to the regulations for student immunizations and school attendance. The regulations became effective on August 1, 2017. Please be assured that the regulations maintain the existing exemptions to immunization for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons.

Under these changes, **the provisional waiver of eight months for school children to be fully immunized is reduced to five school days.** If the student is deficient in immunizations, the student must obtain the next or final dose within the five-day window or risk being excluded from school. However, the student may attend school beyond the five days if the student submits a medical certificate from a health care provider outlining dates for the additional vaccination(s).

Another important change is that students must have an additional dose of **Meningococcal (MCV)** vaccine prior to entry into **12th grade**. One dose is required prior to entry into 7th grade, and now this **second** dose is required for 12th grade. Upon completion of administration of this vaccine, please forward an updated copy of the immunization record to the nurse's office.

Find a PA Department of Health flyer that explains Pennsylvania School Immunization Requirements linked in the blurb in Trinity Weekly. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the nurse's office at (717) 761-1116 ext. 136, or via e-mail at thsnurse@thsrocks.us

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

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