

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Much like everything else in our lives, COVID-19 has made changes, however, we have been notified that the required immunizations and screenings will **NOT** be changing for our school age students. Vaccines are very important to your child's health and wellness.

New students entering pre-K or kindergarten and students entering grades 2 and 7 are required to show proof of a dental examination and HealthCheck/comprehensive health examination prior to entry into school. If you child is going into kindergarten and did not provide proof of a dental examination in PreK, proof will need to be provided for kindergarten enrollment.

The dental examination and Health Check/comprehensive health examination should:

- Be completed within one year of the date of pre-enrollment or at the time of enrollment.
- Provide proof that the student completed a dental/HealthCheck examination within the last 12 months at the time of enrollment. Your school may provide a form to document a student dental examination or the dentist may have their own form which should include the date when the exam was given and the dentist's signature at the minimum. In order for the school to assist with follow-up care coordination, it would be beneficial if the information indicated the need for additional dental work.
- Your child's medical provider will provide you with the Health Check/comprehensive well child exam form from their office.

Students entering 7th grade need to show proof of the booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough) and the first dose of meningitis **prior to entering 7th grade**. Although Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination is not required for 7th grade entry, the CDC recommends this anticancer vaccine for preteen boys and girls at age 11 or 12 so they are protected before being exposed to the virus. Every year over 27,000 women and men are affected by a cancer caused by HPV. Most of these cancers are preventable getting the HPV vaccine at ages 11 or 12. Adolescent immunizations are important to your child's health.

If you have any questions about the requirements, need assistance with finding a Medical Doctor and/or Dentist or coverage for the exam cost, please contact Bruceton School.

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