

Wyomissing Area School District

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Julia R. Vicente, Superintendent Lynette R. Waller, Assistant Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The PA Department of Health has made changes to the school immunization regulations that will be in place for the start of the 2017-18 school year. These regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in PA are adequately protected against outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

On the <u>first day of school</u>, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child **must** have had at least one dose of the required vaccinations or risk exclusion from school. Previously, parents had up to eight months to complete the necessary immunizations. This provision no longer exists and immunizations <u>must be completed</u> by the start of school.

Parents of students entering **Kindergarten**, **7**th **grade**, **or 12**th **grade** should pay close attention to the requirements, as these are the grades in which additional vaccinations are necessary (see attached flyer). Please schedule doctor appointments now to ensure that immunizations are complete by the first day of school so that your child is not excluded from school. If you have questions about the new regulations or what your child is in need of, please contact the nurse at your child's school.

If you need assistance obtaining the required immunizations for your child go to dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov for information.

Please see the attached flyer from the PA Department of Health which outlines the requirements for each grade.

Sincerely,

Julia R. Vicente Superintendent

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