

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

School immunization laws are one of the most effective tools for preventing outbreaks of contagious diseases in schools and communities. New Jersey State Law requires that all school children be vaccinated against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. Every school is required to maintain a record of immunization for each child enrolled.

Please note that in addition to age appropriate immunization requirements:

All children up to age 59 months entering Pre-School during the 2020-2021 school year are required to have a flu shot. The influenza vaccine must be given between September 1 and December 31 of each year. Students who have not received the flu vaccine by December 31 will not be allowed to attend Pre-School for the duration of the flu season (through March 31).

All Kindergarten children must submit proof of all required immunizations **prior** to the start of the school year.

All students entering grade 6, who are 11 years of age or older, are required by state law to have both Tdap and a Meningococcal vaccine. Proof of vaccination is **mandatory** for these students.

Routine medical exams or physicals of children are very important and are recommended at least once during each development stage, at early childhood (pre-school through grade 3), preadolescence (grade 4 through 6) and adolescence (grade 7 through 12).

Enclosed for your convenience is a Universal Child Health Record form for your physician to use at your next appointment. Please submit the completed form, along with immunization records to the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation.