**Don’t Wait. Vaccinate.**

**SCHOOL VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

**The Department of Health is changing school immunization regulations beginning in August** **2017.** The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

**CHILDREN IN ALL GRADES (K-12) NEED THE FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE: DUE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

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| **Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis** (DTap, DTP, DT or Td) | Four (4) or more doses | Properly spaced- (1) dose to be given **on or after** 4th birthday |
| **Polio** | **Four (4) doses** | 4th dose **on or** **after** 4th birthday **and** at least **6** **months after** previous dose given |
| **MMR** (measles; mumps; rubella) | Two (2) doses | Dose #1 to be given **on or** **after** 1st birthday |
| **Hepatitis B** | Three (3) doses | Dose #2 to be given 28 days after dose #1; Dose #3 to be given 8 weeks after dose #2 and **NOT BEFORE** 6 months of age |
| **Varicella (**chickenpox) | Two (2) doses or evidence of immunity | Dose #1 to be given **on or** **after** 1st birthday; proof of disease in writing from physician |
| **Meningococcal Conjugate** (MCV/ meningitis) | Two (2) doses | Dose #1-given 11-15 years of age—**GRADE 7**; Dose #2 given **ENTRY to GRADE 12** (only (1)dose required if given at age 16) |
| **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) | One (1) dose | **ENTRY to GRADE 7—**if 5 years have passed since the last tetanus vaccine |

These immunizations may be completed by your family physician, Norristown Regional Health Center 610-278-7787 or the Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD)if uninsured. (610-278-5145). There is no charge for these immunizations at the MCHD, **but you must call for an appointment and take any immunization record you have with you to the appointment.**

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