

Mercer Area Middle/High School

Health Services

FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parent/Guardian of: _____

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has mandated new immunization requirements for students starting 7th and 12th grades. These requirements are intended to ensure that children attending school in the state of Pennsylvania are adequately protected against outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

As a result, on the first day of school- **August 21, 2019**: unless your child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption: **he/she will have a provisional period of 5 days to receive the mandated vaccines or will be excluded from attending school.**

Starting the 1st day of school, all 7th grade students must have:

1 dose of Tdap, (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)

1 dose of MCV, (meningococcal)

Starting the 1st day of school, all 12th grade students must have:

1 dose of MCV, (meningococcal) *if one dose was given after the age of 16, it will count as the 12th grade dose

Your child needs: _____

Please make an appointment with your child's physician as soon as possible. If choosing another health care provider, make certain to ask if they administer vaccinations. **THE SCHOOL REQUIRES A COPY WHICH MUST BE TURNED IN/FAXED TO THE NURSE AT 724-662-2993 BY AUGUST 21, 2019.**

For those without insurance, you may call the State Health Center, 25 McQuiston Drive, Jackson Ctr., Pa. Call for an appointment at: 724-662-4000.

Also, Sharon Regional Medical System's Travel Immunization Clinic administers vaccines. Their address is 295 N. Kerrwood Drive, Hermitage, Pa. Call for an appointment at: 724-346-6425.

Please call Mrs. Bello, school nurse, with any questions/concerns at : 724-662-5104, ext. 21