

IMMUNIZATIONS

It is the policy of Thousand Islands Central School District that every child entering or attending a District school must present proof of up to date immunizations and/or serology (blood test confirming immunity) to start school.

Exception to this policy would be a medical exemption from a New York State licensed physician that certifies that an immunization or immunizations (specified) may be detrimental to the child's health. The requirement for the specific immunization is waived until the immunization is no longer detrimental to the child's health. *Medical exemptions must be reissued annually.*

If your child is coming from out of state or is an out of country transferee you would have 14 calendar days to provide the necessary proof of certification or other evidence of immunization.

Whenever a child has been refused admission to start or to continue attendance at a District school for lack of acceptable evidence of immunization, immunity, or exemption, the school principal will:

- a) Notify the person in parental relation to the child of his or her responsibility to have the child immunized and of the public resources available to do so;
- b) Notify the local health authority of the name and address of the excluded child and of the immunization or immunizations which the child lacks;
- c) Provide, with the cooperation of the local health authority, for a time and place at which the required immunization or immunizations may be administered.

Examples:

Your child is starting Pre-K or Kindergarten:

You must have your child fully immunized according to the New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance. (See attached) If you are unsure your child meets those requirements, contact the school nurse for clarification. You cannot postpone your child's immunizations. They must be fully immunized before they start the first day of school. You must secure an appointment to have your child immunized before they start school. You DO NOT have a 14 day extension to secure the necessary immunizations.

Your child *may* start school if they are in process to receive the next immunization in the series. In process means that they have received, at the least, the first immunization in the series and have to wait a certain time period to receive the next dose in the series. Again, contact the school nurse for clarification.

Tdap for 6th grade:

If your child is 11 years old on or before the first day of school, they must have the Tdap immunization to start school. If they are 10 years old, they can delay the Tdap immunization until they turn 11 years old. You will receive notifications from the school nurse well in advance of the start of 6th grade to schedule the immunization for your child.

Meningococcal for 7th grade:

Meningococcal immunization is required to start 7th grade. There is no age restriction or requirement associated with this immunization. They must receive the meningococcal immunization before the first day of 7th grade. Your child must have at least one meningococcal immunization between 7th and 11th grade.

Meningococcal for 12th grade:

A second meningococcal immunization is required to start 12th grade. They must receive the meningococcal immunization after the age of 16 and before the first day of 12th grade. If the first dose was administered at age 16 years or older, only one dose of meningococcal is required. Contact your school nurse for questions or clarification.