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To Our Boonton and Lincoln Park Families,

Our current Pandemic has affected our lives in multiple ways. We are all doing our best to adapt. As Health Care Practitioners, our primary concern at this time is the optimal physical, mental, and emotional well being of our students, staff, and families. Such stated, we wish to address procedures for our (hopeful) re-entry to live school for the 2020-2021 school year.

The American Academy of Pediatrics in conjunction with the NJ Department of Health have advised that all immunization requirements will be upheld for the 2020-2021 academic year. The last thing we all want is a vaccine preventable disease outbreak during our current pandemic. Examples of such are "Whooping Cough" (Pertussis) or Measles, to just name two.

At this time we are asking that you please reach out to your Primary Care Provider/Pediatrician to set an appointment for your child's annual well visit, and review and administration of necessary required vaccines. For information regarding required vaccines that your healthcare provider also refers to, **please see below:**

Table 1 Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger, United States, 2020

These recommendations must be read with the notes that follow. For those who fall behind or start late, provide catch-up vaccination at the earliest opportunity as indicated by the green bars. To determine minimum intervals between doses, see the catch-up schedule (Table 2). School entry and adolescent vaccine age groups are shaded in gray.

Vaccine	Birth	1 mo	2 mos	4 mos	6 mos	9 mos	12 mos	15 mos	18 mos	19-23 mos	2-3 yrs	4-6 yrs	7-10 yrs	11-12 yrs	13-15 yrs	16 yrs	17-18 yrs
Hepatitis B (HepB)	1 st dose	2 nd dose			← 3 rd dose →												
Rotavirus (RV): RV1 (2-dose series), RV5 (3-dose series)			1 st dose	2 nd dose	See Notes												
Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis (DTaP <7 yrs)		1 st dose	2 nd dose	3 rd dose			← 4 th dose →					5 th dose					
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)		1 st dose	2 nd dose	See Notes			← 3 rd or 4 th dose, See Notes →										
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)		1 st dose	2 nd dose	3 rd dose			← 4 th dose →										
Inactivated poliovirus (IPV <18 yrs)		1 st dose	2 nd dose		← 3 rd dose →							4 th dose					
Influenza (IIV)					Annual vaccination 1 or 2 doses									Annual vaccination 1 dose only			
Influenza (LAIV)												Annual vaccination 1 or 2 doses		Annual vaccination 1 dose only			
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)					See Notes		← 1 st dose →					2 nd dose					
Varicella (VAR)							← 1 st dose →					2 nd dose					
Hepatitis A (HepA)					See Notes		2-dose series, See Notes										
Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap ≥7 yrs)															Tdap		
Human papillomavirus (HPV)														*	See Notes		
Meningococcal (MenACWY-D ≥9 mos, MenACWY-CRM ≥2 mos)				See Notes										1 st dose	2 nd dose		
Meningococcal B															See Notes		
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23)														See Notes			

Range of recommended ages for all children
Range of recommended ages for catch-up immunization
Range of recommended ages for certain high-risk groups
Recommended based on shared clinical decision-making or *can be used in this age group
No recommendation/ not applicable

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Please note that in the past we have been able to do a large number of student athletic exams with our School Physician/Group prior to each sport season along with summer physical exams. The New Jersey state provision states that any student that has a "medical home"; meaning a Health Care Provider, should have their athletic/well-child physical exam with such provider. At this visit immunizations are usually reviewed and updated as needed. This year due to COVID 19, we will be unable to do the normally scheduled June physical exams at BHS and JHS, as well as the summer exam. If your child/student does not have a "medical home", resources for physical exams will be posted under the Nurse's tab of each school's website.

Regarding Physical Exams; we have uploaded the NJ State Health History form and Physical form under the Athletic tab on the Boonton District Website for 2020-2021 as well as on the JHS Middle School and BHS Nurse's tab. The Universal Health Record has been uploaded on the SSS website under the Nurse's Tab, and the JHS lower elementary section under the Nurse's tab. Please use these forms for annual well-child physicals as your Pediatrician or other Health Care Provider is aware of these state mandated forms.

If your child anticipates playing a sport in the fall, (hopeful and based on DOE/DOH/NJSIAA guidelines), please complete the aforementioned forms as well as the sports packet. This too, is available on the District Website under Athletic tab/Forms and Notices, and the BHS and JHS Middle School websites under the Nurse tab. We await directives from DOE, DOH, and NJSIAA regarding returning to sports and will advise when such is received. In the interim, we feel it is best to have all forms/exams submitted and ready to go.

Completed paperwork;

- Health History Form and Physical Exam Form **OR**
- Health History Form, Physical Exam Form, and Sports Packet, **OR**
- Universal Health form for SSS and JHS lower elementary

In addition, a copy of your child's/student's updated immunizations should be mailed or scanned via email to your respective school/nurse. As we receive further updates we will advise.

Please stay well and safe. We miss you all and look forward to when we can resume our normal academic life with all its activities!

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