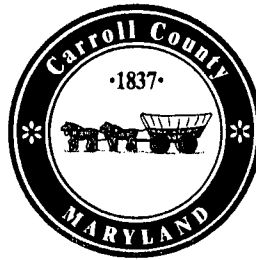


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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Carroll County School Health Program is a joint endeavor of the Board of Education and the Carroll County Health Department. It is our goal to work with all parents in the county to keep our children healthy, and to provide an environment that enables them to achieve their full potential.

A physical examination is required and a dental visit strongly recommended before your child enters kindergarten and/or Maryland public schools for the first time. After your physician and dentist have completed the accompanying examination and immunization records, please return them to the school where your child is enrolled.

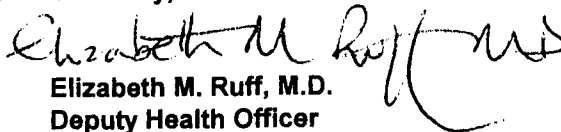
In addition, the parent of any child entering public pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or first grade who lives in, or has ever lived in a designated "at-risk" area, is required to provide certified documentation from a health care provider of a blood test for lead poisoning.

Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, hepatitis B, and haemophilus infections are serious diseases which can be prevented. Your child must be immunized against these diseases by your family doctor or the Health Department. Maryland State law requires these immunizations prior to school entry, and your child **will not be admitted to school until these requirements are met.** A completed Maryland Immunization Certificate (Form DHMH 896) must be presented to school prior to admission. If you have questions about these requirements, please contact your private physician or the Carroll County Health Department at 876-4942, 876-4900 or 857-5000. A community health nurse will be available to help you.

Carroll County Health Department will be performing vision and hearing screening to children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 1st, 4th and 8th grades. If any problems are found, you will be notified so that appropriate measures can be taken.

During the course of your child's elementary school education, the teachers, the nurses in the school and public health nurses will be working together to detect any problems your child might develop which could adversely affect his ability to learn.

Sincerely,


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IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for start of school 2011 - 2012 for Immunizations and Health Inventories are as follows:

All students entering Kindergarten in the Maryland Public School system must have all appropriate Immunizations:

- 4 DTP/DTaP
- 3 Polio
- 2 MMR*
- 1 Varicella* (Physician or Health Department history of disease month/year is acceptable in lieu of vaccine.)
- 3 Hepatitis B

** The first dose should be given on or after the first birthday!! MD can allow a 4 day grace period prior to the first birthday. If the dose is given 5 days or more prior to the first birthday it would need to be repeated or proof of immunity must be provided!!*

Proof of Immunizations must be present before a student can begin school. If there are no records the student must be excluded.

If all the requirements are not met, a proof of an appointment to receive the needed immunizations within **20 calendar days** from the start of school **must** be received. The student must be excluded until this information is provided.

Health Inventories (physicals) - Students new to Maryland Public School System are required to have a physical completed 9 months before or 6 months after their start in school. Although, your child will not be excluded from school for not having this completed it is encouraged that every effort is made in receiving this physical.

Once the above is completed please return the forms to the School Secretary or Nurse. This information can be turned in as soon as it is complete. **The Immunization record and or proof of an appointment must be turned in prior to your child starting school!! We would like to have everything returned by August 5, 2011. Until we receive record of Immunizations or Physician appointment note, student bus and class information will be held. Please contact Miss Winner with any questions.**
Thank you.