

**RISING SUN SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**2010-2011 SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CHANGES**

During the 2009 Indiana State Legislative session, multiple changes were made that require school age children to receive additional immunizations to attend public school. Indiana Code 20-34-4-2 was revised to include immunizations against Meningitis, Varicella (chicken pox), and Pertussis (whooping cough).

The changes will directly affect kindergarten, first grade, and grades six through twelve. **Changes to the school immunization requirements for the 2010-2011 school year are as follows:**

1. All kindergarten students will be required to have 2 doses of the varicella vaccine, given on or after their first birthday and separated by at least 3 months **OR** have a history of having the chickenpox disease.
2. All kindergarten students will be required to have one of the four required doses of the polio vaccine given on or after their fourth birthday, and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
3. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to have 2 doses of the varicella vaccine, given on or after their first birthday **OR** have a history of having the chickenpox disease.
4. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to have 1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given on or after their tenth birthday.
5. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to have 1 dose of meningococcal (meningitis) conjugate vaccine (MCV4).

**Immunization requirements being considered for the 2011-2012 school year include the following:**

1. All students in grades K-12 may be required to have 2 doses of the varicella vaccine **OR** have a history of having the chicken pox.
2. All kindergarten and first grade students may be required to have 2 Hepatitis A vaccines given on or after their first birthday and separated by 6 months.

Immunizations can be administered by your family doctor or at the local health department. Immunization clinics for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> may be held at school later this spring and in the fall. Information regarding clinics will be sent home prior to the scheduled date and each student is required to have a consent on file before any immunizations can be given at school.

**In compliance with Indiana State Law, students who do not comply with the immunization changes will be excluded from school after 20 days from the start of the school year.**

For questions or concerns, please contact Jamie Works, R.N., School Nurse at 438-2626, contact your family physician, or contact the Ohio County Health Department at 438-2551.