



## Back to School Immunization Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There are several new immunization requirements that will become effective for next school year. Your child may be due for an immunization prior to the start of the 2018– 2019 school year. Among the new requirements are:

- Two doses of Hepatitis A for all Kindergarten – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Two doses of MMR vaccine for all Kindergarten – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

At your earliest convenience, please check with your child's health care provider, or immunization clinic to see if your child will need any new immunizations. Due to new changes in the DSHS Vaccines for Children Program, the Health Departments and School Based Clinics will be unable to vaccinate children that have private insurance. Vaccinations for those with insurance coverage will need to be obtained through your health care provider. Due to the new changes, and in addition, the high number of students needing vaccinations, we recommend that you do not wait until right before school starts to obtain these vaccinations as the clinics will be very busy and there may be a shortage of vaccines at that time.

If your child receives any new immunizations, please bring an updated copy of their shot record to the school nurse prior to the first day of school so that we may make a copy for our health records. **Your child will not be allowed to start school without current immunizations.**

For information about school immunization requirements you may go directly to the SCUCISD website: [www.scuc.txed.net](http://www.scuc.txed.net), click on Departments then Health Services. There you will find a link to the immunization requirements at [www.immunizetexas.org](http://www.immunizetexas.org).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Feel free to contact your school nurse if you have any questions.

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