## ATTENTION PARENTS of SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS IMPORTANT HEALTH IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

To: All Parents/Guardians of School Age Students

From: LTSD.INFO

Re: New Pennsylvania Immunization Laws

This notice is to inform you that beginning with the school year 2011/2012 new Pennsylvania Immunization Law requires that students in ALL GRADES (K-12) must have 2 doses of varicella vaccine and Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade must also have:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, accelular pertussis (Tdap) (If 5 years has elapsed since last tetanus immunization)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) given after the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday

Please consult with your school medical authorities if you have any questions.

## Attention Parents/Guardians

## DON'T WAIT -----VACCINATE NOW

FOR ATTENDANCE IN ALL GRADES SCHOOL REGULATIONS in 2011/2012 children need the following:



- 4 doses of tetanus\*
  (1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 4 doses of diphtheria\*
   (1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles\*\*
- 2 doses of mumps\*\*
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles)\*\*
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of disease

\*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td \*\*Usually given as MMR

## Children ATTENDING 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 2011/2012 need the following:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) (if 5 years has elapsed since last tetanus immunization)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

These requirements allow for medical reasons and religious beliefs.

If your child is exempt from immunizations,

He/she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 PA.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization)

Contact your health care provider or 1-877 PA HEALTH for more information

