

IMMUNIZATION GUIDELINES

DPT/DtaP (Diphtheria-Pertussis Tetanus):

Effective August 1, 1996 for children under 7 years of age. Four doses required with the last dose after the 4th birthday.

DT(Diphtheria-Tetanus):

Three doses required for students older than 7 years with last dose after the 4th birthday and a booster every ten years thereafter.

OPV/IVP (Polio):

At least three doses required with the last dose after the 4th birthday.

MMR (Measles Mumps Rubella):

One dose on or after the 1st birthday. The second dose is required for school admission if your child was born after 9/2/91. For students born between 9/1/78 and 9/1/91 the second dose must be given by the 12th birthday.

HIB:

One dose after 15 months or initial infant series.

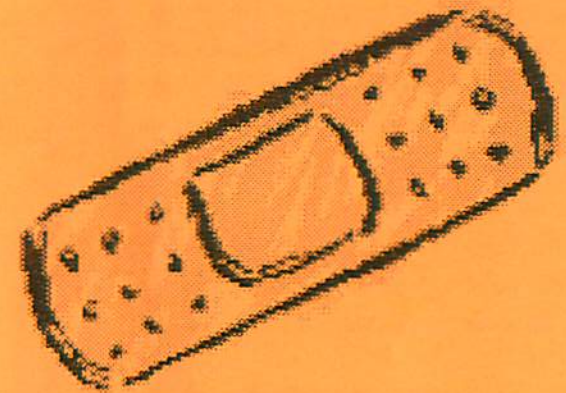
HEP B (Hepatitis B):

Effective August 1, 1998. Three doses required for students born after 9/1/92. Effective August 1, 2001: Children born after 9/2/87, must show proof of three doses of Hep B by 30 days after the 12th birthday.

VARICELLA (Chicken Pox):

Effective August 1, 2000, all children born after 9/2/93 and are 12 months old or older will be required to have received one dose of Varicella (or show proof of immunity). Children born on 9/2/87 and before 9/2/93 will be required to have received one dose of varicella (or show proof of immunity) at the time of their 12th birthday. Proof of immunity: A written parental statement indicating the date and year of the chicken pox disease will meet the requirement as proof of immunity.

St. Joseph Catholic School Health Guidelines



*Your child's health is important to
St. Joseph Catholic School.*

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW WHEN YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT NO LATER THAN 8:15 AM



STAYING HOME FROM SCHOOL

Students with fever (100° F or greater) or obvious signs of illness (i.e. nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) must stay at home until their temperature is normal (98.6° F) for 24 hours and/or until all other symptoms subside.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Schools are required to report all communicable diseases to the Texas Department of Health. Please call the secretary to report a communicable disease (i.e. chicken pox, measles, or other physician diagnoses). Parents are notified when a classroom has a case of a reportable communicable disease confirmed by a physician.

MEDICATION

Prescriptions and over-the-counter medication may be given by a school personnel ONLY and ONLY if the medication is sent in its original container, properly labeled with the students name AND written permission provided by the parent/legal guardian, giving specific instruction regarding the amount and time of each dosage. The student **MUST** leave the medicine in the office. *Medication Permission forms are available in the office, and **MUST** be filled out before any medication is distributed to the student.

*ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

Parents **MUST** send written permission when a student is unable to participate in Physical Education activities.

*A DOCTOR'S NOTICE IS REQUIRED FOR THE PERIODS LONGER THAN 3 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

STOMACHACHES, NAUSEA, & VOMITING

Stomachaches occur frequently in children. If your child is vomiting give them only clear liquids. Avoid milk or milk

products. If your child continues to throw up or develops a fever greater than 100° F please contact your doctor. CHILDREN SHOULD BE FREE OF FEVER AND VOMITING FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.

HEAD INJURY

If your child receives a head injury at school, you will be notified by either phone or letter depending on the severity of the injury. Contact your doctor or emergency room if you notice any of the following symptoms for up to 48 hours after the head injury:

- ∨ severe headaches
- ∨ excessive
- ∨ drowsiness
- ∨ nausea
- ∨ vomiting
- ∨ convulsions
- ∨ double vision
- ∨ bleeding from the ear

HEAD LICE

Students are periodically screened for head lice. When lice are found, students are sent home. Parents to be treated with a pediculicide shampoo. Parents will be notified when a case of head lice has been confirmed in the classroom. The school rechecks students following treatment at home. The student will not be allowed to return to class until he/she is free of head lice.

INJURY

Injury sometimes occur at school. The school will notify you by phone or letter if your child is severely injured at school.

SCREENINGS

The Texas department of Health requires periodic health screenings of school-aged children for vision, hearing, dental, and spinal problems. Screenings are conducted by a volunteer parent nurse and/or TDH certified screeners. If your child fails a screening test

the school will recheck them. Parents are notified by the school when results are not within normal limits.

CONJUNCTIVITIS (PINK EYE)

Pink eye is an infection of the eye caused by bacteria or viral agents. This infection is very contagious by direct contact, so frequent washing and avoiding rubbing the eye is important to prevent spreading. Treatment is with prescription medication. CHILDREN MUST BE UNDER TREATMENT FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE THEY MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL.

STREP THROAT AND SCARLET FEVER

A child diagnosed (BY A PHYSICIAN) with strep throat and/or scarlet fever may return to school 24 HOURS AFTER ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT HAS BEGUN AND FEVER SUBSIDES.

CHICKEN POX

Children may return to school seven days after onset of chicken pox rash.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations are required for school attendance by the Texas Department of Health. The school notifies the parents when immunizations are due and provide information about community health care providers who provide such services. According to state law, students may be excluded from school until documentation of immunization is verified. State law only allows medical and religious exemptions. If there is question or concern, please contact the school office.