



Saint Joseph School

420 East Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has revised the school immunization regulations. **These changes will become effective August 2017.** Information regarding the updated immunization regulations and back to school immunization clinics can be located on the www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov website. **Please find enclosed an informational flyer that highlights the revised immunization regulations.**

The immunizations requirements remain the same in that school attendance requires at least one dose of DTaP, Td, DT, or DTP, IPV, MMR, Hep B and varicella. *However, if the next dose of a vaccine is medically appropriate, the student should receive the dose within the first five days of school or the student will be excluded. If the next dose is not medically appropriate, a completed medical certificate (can be obtained from the Pa Dept of Health website or the SJS nurse) signed by a medical provider, must be provided within the first 5 days of school or the student will be excluded.* In addition, **a student in 7th grade must have one dose of Tdap and MCV to attend school.** The student will be excluded until the required doses are received. **A student who does not receive the required Tdap and MCV for 7th grade will be excluded in that school year and each succeeding school year that the student fails to obtain the required immunizations.** The immunization requirements allow for exemptions for medical reasons (obtained from a medical provider), religious belief, or a philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. If you have a religious or medical exemption to immunizations, please contact Livia Riley, Superintendent of Schools

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If you have any questions regarding the changes, please contact Saint Joseph School at 766-2564.

Thank you,
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