

Reminder to Parents/Guardians of 2014-15 Pre-K Students

Immunizations protect your child from serious infectious diseases. In Canada, we do not see these diseases frequently but they still exist and that is why we need to continue to immunize our children.

As required by law under the *Health Act* and *Education Act*, children entering school for the first time in New Brunswick must provide satisfactory proof of immunization. When students register for kindergarten, parents are asked to provide a copy of their child's immunization record to the school. The required vaccinations include the preschool booster which children can receive at age 4.

Children born in 2009 and after are also required to have 2 doses of the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. These immunizations are required to attend school in NB.

Therefore an updated copy of your child's immunization record, which includes the preschool booster and 2 doses varicella (chicken pox), needs to be given to your child's school.

If you are not sure if your child has received all the recommended vaccines, you should consult your child's doctor or the local public health office. Information about the routine childhood immunization schedule in NB can also be found on the Government of NB, Department of Health website at:

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/immunization.html>

If you have any questions or concerns about the required immunizations for school entry, please contact call Public Health in Fredericton at 453-8252, Woodstock at 1-888-829-6444 or consult with your family doctor.