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Dear BCTHS Parent/Guardians:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health's immunization requirements mandate that all school-aged students enrolled in public schools must meet the following requirements.

Within the first five days of school, your child MUST have had the vaccines listed or risk exclusion from school!

ALL high school aged children must have the following immunizations for attendance:

- 5 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap)* (1 dose on or after 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity
- 2 doses meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)
 - First dose is given between 11 and 15 years of age.
 - Second dose is required at age 16 or **prior to entry into 12th grade.**
 - If the student has already received the first dose after age 16, only one dose is required. If the second dose is given prior to age 16, a third dose is required.

These mandates are intended to ensure that all children attending school in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

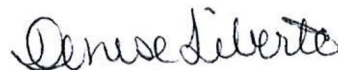
These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reasons, religious beliefs, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

For more information on required school-aged vaccines and how to get your child immunized, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Nurse's office. You may also visit www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov or contact your child's pediatrician.

Sincerely,



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