



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has made changes to the immunization requirements for incoming students starting in August 2017.

Updated Guidelines for Vaccinations:

- A child must have a single dose vaccine on the first day or risk exclusion.
- If a child has at least one dose and additional doses of a vaccine are necessary and are medically appropriate during the first days of school, the child must either obtain final dose, or have the next scheduled dose and **provide a medical certificate scheduling remaining doses signed by the student's medical provider.**
- If a child has at least one dose and additional doses of vaccine are necessary, but are not medically appropriate during the first five days of school, **the child may provide a medical certificate on or before the fifth day scheduling the remaining doses signed by the student's medical provider.**
- A child may still obtain a medical, religious or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction exemption from meeting the immunization requirements.
- Physical Examination – **must be dated after September 1, 2016.**
- Dental Examination – **must be dated after September 1, 2016.**

Sincerely,

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