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Dear Principal/Director:

As the start of the 2012-2013 school year approaches, I want to remind you that all students attending all New York City (NYC) schools are required to be vaccinated in compliance with New York State Public Health Law §2164. We reached the highest level of compliance ever in the 2011-2012 school year, with 99% of public school students being completely immunized.

The law mandates that students be in compliance with specific immunization requirements to attend school. The current 2012-2013 immunization requirements are available at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/medreq>. The changes for the 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

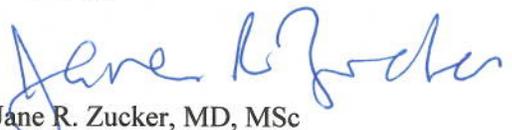
- The vaccine against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) will now be required for students entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades born on or after January 1, 1994. The 11th grade requirement is new this year.
- Students entering pre-kindergarten are now required to have at least one dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13).

Please ensure that any new staff you have who will be working on immunization compliance have received training in the Automate the Schools (ATS) immunization modules and reports. Please reach out to your Children First Network (CFN) team health liaison for support with this work.

In an effort to aid schools in achieving high immunization compliance, ATS records for newly enrolled students will again be updated automatically with immunization information from the NYC Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR). This should save your staff time and lead to better compliance with the school immunization requirements. For other students, using the CIR can benefit your school to obtain missing immunization records. If your school does not already have access to the CIR, please call 347-396-2400 and we can arrange access.

For questions regarding compliance with school immunization requirements, please call the Bureau of Immunization's Program Support Unit at 347-396-2433 or send an email to School_Immunizations@health.nyc.gov. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Sincerely,



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