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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The New York City Department of Education is writing to inform you of changes to New York State immunization regulations that may affect your child. The list of immunization requirements for 2014 is enclosed. In order to attend pre-kindergarten (Pre-K), you must submit proof of immunization to your child's school.

Please note the following changes to the immunization requirements for students attending pre-kindergarten in 2014-15:

- Haemophilus influenza Type B (Hib) vaccine. If your child has not received this vaccine or received his or her last dose before 15 months of age, he or she may need a dose of this vaccine.
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). If your child has not received this vaccine or received his or her last dose before age 2, he or she may need a dose of this vaccine.
- Influenza vaccine. Children attending Pre-K must receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between July 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014

These changes are in addition to the existing requirements for DTaP (Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoids and Pertussis vaccine), Polio, MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella), Varicella, and Hepatitis vaccines.

Please note that the requirements for Hib and PCV are complex and depend on how many doses of vaccine have previously been received and the age when the vaccine was given. Please review the immunization history with your child's physician who can decide whether an additional dose of vaccine is required for school entry

Feel free to contact the school administrative office, if you have questions about these requirements.

Sincerely,

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