



March 25, 2020,

To the Parents/Guardians of ***Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:***

Texas State law requires that each child attending public school be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. As your student prepares to enter the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2020-2021 school year, they will be required to show acceptable evidence of their adolescent vaccinations prior to the first day of school. ***Without the proper documentation of required vaccinations or a valid medical or conscientious exemption, students will not be allowed to be in attendance.***

Please know that as of January 2, 2012, local health departments and health service regional clinics providing vaccines through the Texas Vaccines for Children (VFC) program are no longer able to vaccinate individuals with insurance (although you might have obtained them there in the past). Instead, insured students must receive vaccinations through their private doctor. We recommend getting your child's immunizations scheduled early, before the summer rush begins.

Please provide a copy of your student's updated shot record to your Campus Registrar **no later than August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020** to ensure enrollment on the first day of classes, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If you are unable to hand-deliver it to campus, you can fax it to (903) 705-4330 or send it via email to [info@uttia.org](mailto:info@uttia.org). Please be sure to indicate whether your student attends the Tyler, Longview, or Palestine campus when using these methods.

Included in this notice you will find the **2020-2021 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grade K-12** for your review. Please be advised, **only the MCV4 quadrivalent Meningococcal vaccine will be accepted by the State for enrollment.** For further information regarding immunization rules and regulations, please visit the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Website at [www.ImmunizeTexas.com](http://www.ImmunizeTexas.com). You may also consider reviewing the new information on the DSHS website regarding preteen vaccinations at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/preteen/PreteenVaccines.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/preteen/PreteenVaccines.shtm). If you prefer to speak with someone directly, please feel free to call the Immunization Branch customer service number at 1 (800) 252-9152.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to another great year with your student(s).

Regards,

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