

# New Vaccination Requirements

\*\*\*NEW VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL\*\*\*

From the Illinois Department of Public Health

To help prevent illness and outbreaks due to vaccine-preventable diseases, Illinois is implementing new immunization requirements for the 2014-2015 school year. Beginning next year, children at any grade level (kindergarten through 12) need to show proof of having received two doses each (instead of just one) of rubella and mumps vaccines. Most high school students have received the combination doses (two) of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine and are covered. Those who have received them separately and do not have two documented doses need to meet this requirement to attend school. In addition, students entering kindergarten, sixth grade or ninth grade for the first time shall show proof of having received two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine, or have physician-documentation of history of disease noted on the immunization record.

For the following school year, 2015-2016, students will need to show proof of having received a meningococcal vaccination, something that is not currently required.

Please be sure your student meets these new requirements or he/she will be subject to exclusion from school.