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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Georgia's immunization requirements for children attending school will change on July 1, 2007. There are two additional doses to the existing vaccine requirements for children entering kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Also students who are "new entrants" to the schools in any grade (kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) will need to meet all the immunization requirements. A "new entrant" refers to any child entering any school or facility in Georgia for the first time or having been absent from a Georgia facility for more than twelve months or one school year.

All required immunizations will be documented on Form 3231, regardless of age or grade level.

**New requirements for kindergarteners:**

- Any child entering kindergarten must have an immunization certificate (form 3231) marked as "Complete for School" or marked with an "expiration date" after the entrance date to the school.
- If a child is currently enrolled in a pre-K program and has a certificate marked as "Complete for School", he may need to obtain a second dose of Varicella (chicken pox) and Mumps vaccines and will need to submit documentation of compliance upon entry to the school for kindergarten.

**New requirements for children entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Prior to middle school, students must have two doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or documentation of illness or laboratory proof of immunity. Presently, these students only require one dose.
- Current 5<sup>th</sup> graders entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall must have two doses of Measles vaccine, two doses of Mumps vaccine, and one dose of Rubella vaccine (or laboratory proof of immunity against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella). Two MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccines fulfill this requirement.

The revised Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231) may be used any time on or after March 1, 2007. Revised certificates may be generated and printed from the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services (GRITS) system after March 2007. Please contact the Health and Social Services Department (678-301-7270) if there are any questions.