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Dear Parents:

As we recover from this difficult time of COVID-19, the hope is that everyone is well.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, it has been reported that there has been a 63% drop in child vaccinations.

While children have been learning remotely and are not physically in the school building, it is still important that they receive the vaccines needed in order to be in compliance with the NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene/Dept of Education, as per New York State Public immunization regulations.

All students entering the 6th grade or higher and who are 11 years old and older are required to receive the "TDAP" booster vaccine.

All students entering the 7th and 8th grades will be required to receive the Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) to be vaccinated against the meningococcal disease. A second dose will be required in the 12th grade.

Please note required as well are 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox – the 1st dose given after 1st birthday), and 4 doses of polio vaccine (unless 3rd dose was after age 4 or older).

Also needed are 3 doses of dtap/td, 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella- 1st dose given after 1st birthday); and 3 doses of Hepatitis B.

As we move forward with the hope of schools reopening in September, please discuss with your child's pediatrician these immunization requirements needed to ensure that your child will be ready and fully immunized.

If possible, please ask your doctors to update all immunization vaccines given onto the CIR (central immunization registry). This makes it easier to track the vaccines given. If your pediatrician is unable to do this, please be prepared to submit proof of your child's vaccination, such as a copy of a current completed physical form, or an updated immunization printout from your doctor's office, or a copy of an updated immunization card.

If your child does not have a healthcare provider, you can call 844-NYC-4NYC (844-692-4692) or 311 for more information.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Have a safe and healthy summer.

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