

Maryland Vaccines for Children Program
New School Immunization Requirements
Effective 2014-2015 School Year

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Dear Vaccine Provider:

This letter is to inform you about new school immunization requirements effective at the beginning of the 2014-2015 School Year. The new requirements are contained in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04.03.

New 2014-2015 School Immunization Requirements

Grade Level	New immunization Requirement
Kindergarten Students	<u>Varicella</u> Two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine are required for Kindergarten
7th Grade Students	<u>Tdap</u> A single dose of Tdap vaccine is required for all students entering 7th grade
7th Grade Students	<u>Meningococcal (MCV4)</u> A single dose of MCV4 vaccine is required for all students entering 7th grade

Your assistance is needed to ensure that every Kindergarten and 7th grade student has received the vaccinations needed to be admitted to school this fall. Please begin to assess your patient records to determine which students need to be recalled for vaccination. Please also begin to determine how your office will meet the increased demand for vaccination and vaccination documentation.

The Maryland VFC Program will begin shipping additional quantities of varicella, Tdap, and MCV4 vaccine in the next few weeks. **When your patients come for these newly-required vaccinations, please take the opportunity to administer other recommended vaccines, such as HPV (3 doses), Influenza, and Hepatitis A vaccines.** While these vaccinations are not required for school entry, they are recommended for adolescents by CDC, AAP, AAFP, and the Maryland Medicaid Program.

[Click here](#) to read the full DHMH memo to VFC Providers about the new 2014-2015 school immunization requirements.

[Click here](#) to visit the DHMH "Back to School" website for more information.

Please call or [click here](#) to email, the VFC Contact Center if you have any special vaccine-related needs or require technical assistance.

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