



# CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Dear Parents & Guardians:

**All students entering or attending school in NYS, including remote school attendance, must be immunized.**

The age at which vaccines (shots) are given must match the *NYSDOH Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance Chart*. The following vaccines have changes in requirements for the 2021-2022 school year.

### **Tdap vaccine requirements**

- Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade will need a dose no earlier than 10 years of age and no later than 11 years of age.
- Students in grades 7- 12 doses will need a dose no earlier than 7 years of age.

### **Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine requirements**

- Students entering grade 7 are required to have the first dose no earlier than 10 years of age.
- New entrants in grades 8-12 are required to have the first dose no earlier than 6 weeks of age.
- For students in grade 12, if the first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine was received at 16 years or older, the second (booster) dose is not required.
- The second dose must have been received at 16 years or older. The minimum interval between doses is 8 weeks.

### **Schools can accept the following immunization records as proof of immunization:**

- An immunization record from your health care provider or health department.
- An official copy of the immunization record sent directly from your child's previous school with the dates given.
- A NYSIIS/NYCIR Immunization Registry record.
- A blood test (titer) lab report that proves immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Hepatitis B.
- A note from your health care provider with the date your child had Chicken Pox (varicella).

**Immunizations are also available through the Niagara County health department. AN APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED. TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL (716) 278-1903.**

**As per the New York State Department of Health (dated June 2021):**

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) recognizes that the 2020-2021 school year was an unusual year as schools made many adjustments to protect students and staff against COVID-19 while ensuring all students were in compliance with the Public Health Law (PHL) Section 2164 immunization requirements.

We want to remind you that we expect schools to fully comply with PHL Section 2164 immunization coverage and reporting requirements. As partners in prevention, we all need to remain vigilant to protect the children in this state against all vaccine-preventable diseases.

As we all continue to face challenges related to the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are aware that some students may have missed doses of vaccines that were due this past year. Most primary care providers and Local Health Departments have now resumed administering routine vaccines. **Therefore, NYSDOH expects any students who missed doses of vaccines due to COVID-19 to receive any overdue doses within 14 days after entry into the 2021-2022 school year, regardless of in-person or remote school attendance; this may be extended to 30 days for students transferring from out-of-state or another country.**

Please be advised that findings of violations of the Public Health Law may result in the imposition of a civil penalty of up to \$2,000 per violation. Each student who is permitted to attend school in violation of the requirement of PHL Section 2164(7)(a) and each school year in which the mandatory annual School Immunization Survey is not submitted constitutes the basis for a separate violation of the Public Health Law for which a civil penalty may be imposed.

This guidance is subject to change and will be revised and shared with all parents if/when an update is provided by the NYSDOH.