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Dear Parents/Guardians of students in Colorado Kindergarten – 12th-grade schools:

Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private or parochial Kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent. Your student must be vaccinated against: diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis (DTaP, DT, DTP, Tdap), polio (IPV), measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), hepatitis B (HepB), varicella (chickenpox). Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

Colorado rule requires that students entering Kindergarten receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and Varicella. Students must receive 1 dose of Tdap vaccine for 6th-grade entry, even if they are under 11 years of age.

Please take your student's updated vaccine record to school every time he or she receives a vaccine. If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit an official Immunization Medical Exemption Form to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You can get the form at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption. If you choose not to get your student vaccinated according to the current ACIP schedule for religious or personal belief reasons, you must submit a non-medical exemption to your school. Non-medical exemptions must be submitted every year. You can either submit the state health department's non-medical form (online or paper copy) for inclusion in the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS), provide a paper copy of the CDPHE non-medical exemption form to your student's school, or submit a signed non-medical statement of exemption to your student's school. Such a statement should include the following information: student's full name, age or date of birth, date the exemption was submitted, the vaccines declined, and which type of non-medical exemption is being taken (personal belief or religious). If you choose to include your student's information in CIIS, you may opt your student out of CIIS at any time. Your student's school may ask you to also provide them with a paper copy if you submit online. You can get online and downloadable versions of the form at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption.

Please provide a hard copy of your student's immunization record or exemption form to the Front Office of Colorado Military Academy by October 24, 2017. The School Nurse has access to Colorado Immunization Information System but many medical facilities have not reported immunizations to CIIS.

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at 719-576-9838.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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