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### IMMUNIZATIONS ARE PART OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is reminding all parents that students will not be permitted to register for school without up-to-date immunization records. Proof of immunizations must be provided to school registrars on or before August 20, the first day of school.

The Prince George's County Health Department is providing free immunizations by appointment only, including follow-up immunizations that are needed to maintain compliance with new State immunization requirements. Appointments are available every weekday in August at the Cheverly Health Center, 3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD 20785. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 am to 3:30 pm, and Thursday from 10 am to 5:30 pm. Parents are encouraged to ensure their children are immunized this month.

Prior to last school year, the State of Maryland made major changes in immunization requirements. All students in kindergarten through grade 10 are now required to show proof of Hepatitis B vaccine and Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. This change has the greatest impact on students in grades 5-10.

Please review the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's "Back to School Immunization Requirements," which is available online at <http://www.edcp.org/html/schoolrequire.html>. Acceptable proofs of full immunization compliance include the Maryland Immunization Certificate 896, or a computer generated print-out from a licensed physician's office.

For information and to make an appointment for a free immunization, call the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-583-3300.

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