

**CLAY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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March 17, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the 2009 legislative session, Indiana Code 20-34-4-2 was revised, requiring the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to “adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to require school age children to receive additional immunizations against the following: Meningitis, Varicella, and Pertussis(whooping cough). The additional immunizations required under the rules shall include an immunization booster if considered appropriate by the state department.”

Changes to the school immunizations for school year 2010-2011 are as follows:

- a. All preschool and kindergarten students will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine, given on or after the first birthday and separated by 3 months, or a history of chickenpox disease documented by a health care provider.*
- b. All kindergarten students will be required to have one of the required doses of polio vaccine given on or after the fourth birthday, and at least 6 months after the previous dose.*
- c. All 6th – 12th grade students will be required to have to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine, given on or after the first birthday, and separated by age-appropriate intervals as defined by the CDC, or a history of chickenpox disease.*
- d. All 6th – 12th grade students will be required to have 1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given on or after the 10th birthday.*
- e. All 6 – 12th grade students will be required to have 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4).*

We are informing you of these changes so that you will have adequate time to get them completed before August 16, 2010. Please send documented proof of vaccine to school as soon as vaccines are received. If you have any questions please contact you physician or school nurse.

Sincerely,

Lynn Stoelting R.N.
Coordinator of Health Services