

Immunizations

If your child needs immunizations, start now, January is the latest to start the series without interfering with the start of school.

Effective since the 2002-2003 school year, all students entering kindergarten, seventh, and eighth grade (9-11th grade also) will be required to have completed the Hepatitis B series of vaccines. This law includes retained students as well as students promoted during the year. This is a state mandate with which we must comply. State Immunization laws require schools to exclude students who do not have up-to-date immunizations (shots). A new Immunization Certificate (DOH)680, blue card) signed by your private physical or the health department must be presented to the school office before the start of school in order for 7th and 8th graders to attend class. In other words, your student will not be allowed to sit in class unless they have submitted the proper form and information. Please take a copy of your student's immunization dates when you go to get the new immunizations. Required immunizations for students may be obtained free of charge at the Health Department. (Bartow Health Department 519-7916.)

****All seventh and eighth grade students must have proof of a second measles (MMR), three (3) Hepatitis B shots and a Tetanus Diphtheria (TD) booster given within the last five years.****