

## Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose ISD #877

### Buffalo High School Health Office

Welcome to Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools! As you complete your registration for your new student, please take a moment to review the immunization requirements for Minnesota Schools. **Minnesota State Law requires that all students are immunized and that the school is informed of the immunizations to attend school.**

All students in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade **require** the following vaccines or have the proper documentation for an objection.

Hep B (hepatitis)	3 shots
DTaP/Td/Tdap	3 shots plus one at age 11-12
Polio	3 shots
MMR	2 shots

Your student may have received more vaccinations than the ones listed here. There are also more that are recommended but the ones shown are required for all students. If your student cannot receive immunizations for medical reasons or for conscientiously held beliefs, please fill out that section on the Pupil Immunization Form that is enclosed.

If your student has not received all the necessary shots please do so as soon as possible. If you cannot get in to your clinic the Wright County Public Health has a WOW Van (Wellness on Wheels) that is available to give immunizations. Their number is 763-682-7717 or go to [www.co.wright.mn.us](http://www.co.wright.mn.us). No one will be turned away from the WOW Van due to the inability to pay. By Minnesota State Law all immunizations must be up-to-date within 30 days of entrance to a school district. It may be easiest to call your clinic and have them fax them to the school.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me. We look forward to having your student at BHS. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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# Are Your Kids Ready for School?

## Minnesota's School Immunization Law

### Directions:

- Find the child's age/grade level and read across to the right.
- Look to see whether the child had the number of shots shown by the checkmark(s) under each vaccine.

Note: Each row is meant to be read separately, so don't add up the columns of checkmarks under each vaccine.

**Example:** A preschooler needs 4 DTaP, then to enter kindergarten he or she needs 1 more DTaP, for a total of 5 (not 9).

	<b>Hep B</b> hepatitis B	<b>DTaP/Td/Tdap</b> diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	<b>Polio</b>	<b>MMR</b> measles, mumps, rubella	<b>Hib</b> <i>Haemophilus</i> <i>influenzae</i> type b	<b>Varicella*</b> (chickenpox)
<b>Preschool</b> (age 3-5)		✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓	At least **** ✓	✓
<b>Kindergarten</b>	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓✓ 5 <sup>th</sup> shot not needed if 4 <sup>th</sup> was after age 4	✓✓✓✓ 4 <sup>th</sup> polio not needed if 3 <sup>rd</sup> was after age 4	✓✓		✓✓
<b>Age 7</b> <b>through</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> grade</b>		At least ✓✓✓	At least ✓✓✓	✓		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> through</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	✓✓✓ 7 <sup>th</sup> grade only***	At least ✓✓✓ Plus one more shot at age 11-12 years**	At least ✓✓✓	✓✓		✓✓ 7 <sup>th</sup> grade only

\* Varicella shots not required if child already had chickenpox disease. A second shot will be required for kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade in fall, 2009.

\*\* If a child received a Td at age 7-10 years they do not necessarily need another one at age 11-12. However, they must receive another shot of Td or Tdap 10 years after their last one.

\*\*\* An alternate 2-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids from age 11 through 15 years.

\*\*\*\* The Hib requirement is temporarily suspended due to a vaccine shortage.

**To go to school in Minnesota, students must show they've had these immunizations or file a legal exemption with the school.**

Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a healthcare provider or a conscientious objection signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.

Other immunizations recommended for school kids, but not required by the School Immunization Law:

- Influenza (flu) – each year for children age 6 months through 18 years – especially those with risk factors like asthma and diabetes.
- Meningococcal for age 11-18.
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) for girls age 11-18.