

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

SUBJECT: **New Varicella** (Chickenpox) **immunization** requirement  
for entry to **preschool, kindergarten, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

As of July 1, 2006, students entering the following grades must meet new Varicella requirements: preschool, kindergarten, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

According to Washington State Law, these students must have one of the following:

- 1) **one dose of Varicella** vaccine given on or after the child's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday,
- 2) Parental/Guardian **documentation of disease history** ("yes" with approximate date or age at the time of disease entered on the CIS),  
or
- 3) **laboratory evidence of immunity** to Varicella.

**Proof of one of the above must be shown at the time the student registers for entry into these grades. They will not be allowed to start classes until cleared.**

Please contact your clinic or doctor to arrange for your student to receive this shot. You must **show your child's immunization record as proof** of one of the above before the first day of school.

Please do not wait until August. There is always a last minute rush before school begins and appointments are often hard to get. **Remember that your student cannot begin class without these immunizations.**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.