

HEALTH-RELATED ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 8 STUDENTS

PRESCHOOL:

1. **All Parents of New Preschool Students** must submit a Physical Form/Universal Health Form (done within 1 year prior to school admission) completed, signed, and dated by their health care provider and an updated copy of the child's immunization record. **These 2 forms must be presented to the school nurse and approved by the school nurse prior to attending their first day of preschool.**
2. **All Returning and New Preschool Parents** must sign the attached form indicating that they have read the state requirement for flu immunization completed during 9/1 – 12/31 of the current school year and understand that it is their responsibility to:
 - A. Have their child immunized during the fall dates as indicated.
 - B. Bring in a copy of a note or updated immunization record from a health care provider by January 1 of the school year.

KINDERGARTEN:

The parent of a student entering Kindergarten (even if they attended TCA preschool) must present a Physical Form/Universal Health Form (done within 1 year prior to school admission) completed, signed, and dated by their health care provider and an updated copy of the child's immunization record. **These 2 forms must be presented to the school nurse and approved by the school nurse prior to attending their first day of kindergarten.**

SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS:

All Sixth Grade Students (age 11 or older) are required to have the following immunizations **by 9/1 of their sixth grade school year.**

1. DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis)
2. Meningococcal (meningitis)

Parents who have not presented documentation of these immunizations for their child will be sent a notice of immunization deficiency. Any child not immunized by the end of September will be excluded from school until the requirement is met.

STUDENTS TRANSFERRING IN TO TCA:

1. **Students Transferring In From Out of State OR Transferring from Homeschooling** must present a Physical Form/Universal Health Form (done within 1 year prior to school admission) completed, signed, and dated by their health care provider and an updated copy of the child's immunization record. **These 2 forms must be presented to the school nurse and approved by the school nurse prior to attending their first day of school.**
2. **Students Transferring from a NJ Public or Private School** must sign an A45 Release Form **prior to attending their first day of school.** This gives permission for the TCA school nurse to contact the previous school to obtain the A-45 Form (the state mandated permanent health school form which follows the student to a new school).

To: Parents/Guardians of Preschool Students
Re: Required flu immunization

N.J.A.C.8:57-4 of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) requires influenza vaccines for preschool and licensed childcare center attendees. The regulations state the following:

Children 6 months through 59 months of age attending any licensed childcare center or preschool facility shall annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of each year.

Written documentation from your vaccination provider must be submitted to your child's preschool teacher no later than the first school day in January and must include your child's name and date of vaccination. Students without the necessary vaccination documentation will not be permitted to attend school beginning in January. Please understand it is your responsibility to address any concerns well before the January due date.

You may obtain the influenza vaccine in one of the following ways:

- Your child's health care provider.
- Various local pharmacies (i.e. Walgreens, Walmart, CVS, Target)
- Contact The Burlington County Health Department for information regarding flu vaccination clinics. Call 609-265-5528 for more information.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia provides a website that is an excellent resource on the influenza vaccination should you wish to obtain additional information. Please refer to the following website: <http://www.chop.edu/service/vaccine-education-center/home.html>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Nurse at nurse@timothychristianacademy.com or Mrs. Adams, Principal at dadams@timothychristianacademy.com.

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