

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.**

All Returning and New Preschool Parents must sign the attached form indicating that they have read the state requirement for flu immunization through November 30 of the current school year and understand that it is their responsibility to:

- A. Have their child immunized during the dates as indicated.
- B. Bring in a copy of a note or updated immunization record from a health care provider by November 30.

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.**

SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS:

All Seventh Grade Students (age 11 or older) are required to have the following immunizations **by the first day of their seventh grade school year.**

1. TDaP (tetanus, diphtheria, 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 start of school 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: New FLU SHOT REMINDER For Preschoolers

Newly Adopted Immunization of Children in Child Care Centers and School Rules (NJAC 8:57-4).
-All children 6 months and older categorized as a preschool child will need to receive the flu vaccine by November 30. There is no longer an "age out" at 5 years old.

Students who have not received the flu vaccine by November 30 will not be permitted back to class on December 1st until they receive at least one dose of flu vaccine.

Provide a copy of your child's updated immunization record or proof, signed and/or stamped by your healthcare provider that the flu shot was received.

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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