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MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents, Principals and Independent School Headmasters
 From: Mark Levine, M.D., Commissioner, Department of Health
 Daniel M. French, Ed.D., Secretary of Education
 Date: May 22, 2019
 Subject: Compliance with Vermont's Immunization Law and Regulations

The importance of children being fully vaccinated has been highlighted by a record number of measles cases across the country. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from January 1 to May 10, 2019, 839 people from 23 states were reported to have measles, the majority of whom were not vaccinated. Regional cases have been reported in MA, NY, NH, as well as Quebec, Canada.

To protect against measles, 95% of children in a child care or school setting must be immunized with the MMR vaccine. This creates a level of "community immunity" that can keep the disease from spreading. The good news is that overall, 97% of Vermont kindergarten through 12th grade students met the two-dose requirement for MMR vaccine. However, wide variation exists among Vermont schools – ranging from 0–100% coverage – creating pockets of vulnerability where measles can easily spread.

Enclosed is a document with your school's immunization coverage rate. Data for all schools is posted on the Health Department's vaccination coverage web page, <http://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/immunization/vaccination-coverage>

This spring, in order to be as protective as possible of the health of all our students, we expect school personnel will review the enclosed data and assure that follow up of non-compliant students has taken place. Families of students who are provisionally enrolled, and of exempt students, should be instructed to receive needed vaccines over the summer and advised that adherence to the school entry requirements will be strictly enforced in the fall, especially in light of nationwide measles outbreaks. http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ID_IZ_K12_school_law_procedural_flow_sheet.pdf

For more information about immunizations for pre-kindergarten and K–12 students, visit the Health Department's web page for child care and school providers, <http://www.healthvermont.gov/immunizations-infectious-disease/immunization/child-care-school-providers>

If you have questions, please call the Health Department's Immunization Program at 802-863-7638 or email AHS.VDHIimmunizationProgram@vermont.gov

VACCINATION COVERAGE for SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19

Ottauquechee School

Immunizations are required for enrollment in all Vermont schools to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The Vermont Legislature passed a requirement in 2012, that all schools must make immunization coverage data for the student body available to the public. The information below identifies the percentage of students who have been fully vaccinated, and the percentage fully vaccinated for each individual vaccine. For purposes of comparison, the percentage of all Vermont students enrolled in kindergarten, 7th grade, and kindergarten through grade 12, who received the required vaccines is also presented. A complete list of Vermont school coverage data can be found at: <http://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/immunization/vaccination-coverage>

Vaccine	Vaccination coverage for Ottauquechee School	Statewide Coverage for Kindergarten	Statewide Coverage for 7 th grade	Statewide Coverage for Grades K - 12
DTaP/Tdap ⁱ	97.8%	92.9%	92.6%	96.3%
Polio ⁱⁱ	97.8%	92.5%	97.1%	96.7%
MMR ⁱⁱⁱ	97.8%	93.0%	97.3%	97.0%
Hep B ^{iv}	96.7%	94.6%	97.0%	96.7%
Varicella ^v	97.3%	92.3%	97.0%	96.4%
Meningococcal ^{vi}	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fully Vaccinated ^{vii}	96.7%	90.4%	91.3%	94.5%

ⁱ DTaP/Tdap – Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) 5 doses, and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) 1 dose in grade 7

ⁱⁱ Polio – 4 doses

ⁱⁱⁱ MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) – 2 doses

^{iv} Hep B – (hepatitis B) – 3 doses

^v Varicella (chickenpox) – 2 doses or documentation of history of disease

^{vi} Meningococcal – 1 dose for residential students in grades 7 through 12

^{vii} Fully Vaccinated – percentage of students meeting all vaccine and dose requirements

***Data has been redacted for schools with an enrollment of six or fewer students to protect confidentiality.

