Conrad Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Like all states, Montana has immunization laws that require school age children to have certain immunizations in order to attend school.

If you are receiving this letter, it is because your child is not up to date with the required vaccines, If your child has already received the required vaccines, you can get this from your healthcare provider, Pondera County Health Department or contact me.

Documentation: Bring the following to the school:

A State of Montana Certificate of Immunization that has been completed and signed by a healthcare provider or health department.

Conditional Attendance: If immunizations had been delayed or gotten off recommended schedules, some children may need more than one vaccine of the same type in order to attend school. However, vaccines also need to meet certain spacing and timing rules. The student may attend school on a "conditional" basis as long as they have received at least one vaccine of each type and will continue to receive the remaining doses. The Conditional Attendance Form must be completed by a physician or a health department official.

Exemptions: Exemptions are an authorized reason for not being fully immunized but being allowed to attend school as per state law. Montana law does not allow a "personal exemption" but does allow medical and religious exemptions.

- Medical Exemption: Must be completed by a physician and done only in cases where there is a medical contraindication. The exemption will specify what vaccine(s) is being exempted and for how long.
- Religious Exemption: The parent must sign this form in the presence of a notary and bring the notarized and completed form to the school at the start of each school year. The form must indicate which vaccines are being exempted.

Children should be immunized against the following communicable diseases. FOR SCHOOL ENTRY(K-12), the minimum requirements are:

VACCINE	REQUIREMENT
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Dtap, Tdap)	4 doses (one must be given on or after 4th birthday) PLUS 1 dose of Tdap (prior to entering 7th grade)
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses (one must be given on or after 4th birthday)
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	2 doses (one must be given on or after 1st birthday & spacing between doses is 4 weeks.)
Varicella "Chickenpox" (VAR)	2 doses (first dose must be given on or after 1st birthday, spacing between doses is 12 weeks for children under 13 years, and 4 weeks for those older than 13 years)

If you have any questions regarding your student's immunization status, please contact me, Pondera County Health Department or your healthcare provider to review your child's immunization record. Our School Based Health Center, your healthcare provider or Pondera County Health Department will be able to assist you with an appointment to get your child vaccinated, if needed. Please contact me if you'd like me to provide a copy to the school or you'd like to schedule at the SBHC to update vaccines. I can be reached at nicki.sullivan@conradschools.org or call/text 406-970-4785...

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