



Adel Elementary

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is currently enrolled in kindergarten for the upcoming school year. In the state of Iowa every child attending school must have a current and valid immunization record. Bring in the Certificate of Immunization from your child's health care providers' office before the first day of school. Failure to have a complete immunization record for your child by the first day of school could mean exclusion from school until they comply with Iowa Immunization Law requirements which includes:

- 5 doses **DTaP** with at least 1 dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis-containing vaccine received on or after 4 years of age
- 4 doses of **Polio** vaccine with at least 1 dose received on or after 4 years of age
- 2 doses of **Measles, Mumps, Rubella** vaccine, the first dose should have been received on or after 12 months of age and the second dose no less than 28 days after the first dose
- 3 doses of **Hepatitis B** vaccine
- 2 doses of **Varicella** received on or after 12 months of age, unless the child has a reliable history of natural disease.

Documentation of a valid certificate of immunization exemption (religious or medical) or provisional certificate of immunization may be submitted in lieu of a certificate of immunization. Requirements for valid exemptions may be found in Iowa Code 139A.8 and Iowa Administrative Code 641-7. If an exemption form is needed, contact a medical provider or the school nurse.

State legislation also requires that all incoming kindergartners have blood lead testing done before school entry. This is typically done at the students 12 or 18 month appointment. The Iowa Department of Public Health has a record of blood lab tests and will notify you and the school if they do not have a record for your child.

The State of Iowa requires all children entering kindergarten and ninth grade to have a dental screening. A dental screening completed between the ages of three and six would be valid, so if your child has been to the dentist recently, you may take the certificate to the dentist office for them to fill out and sign. If your child has not been to the dentist, please take them to be seen in the near future.

All incoming kindergartners and 3rd graders have a vision screening completed. A vision screening within a year of admission to Kindergarten will be accepted. Kidsight, through the Lions Club and University of Iowa will be at the school during Kindergarten screening to do vision screenings on all the children with signed permission. This screening will suffice for this requirement.

Basic self help skills are necessary for kindergartners to adjust quickly to school. Some examples of these skills are: hanging up their coat or backpack, washing hands, putting on their jacket, fastening simple buttons or snaps and wiping themselves after using the toilet. These are tasks that are difficult for the classroom teacher to support across the number of students in the classroom so independence in these areas is supportive at the start of the school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 993-4285.

Sincerely, Missy McCann BSN, RN - Adel Elementary School Nurse

