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Re: Health Forms Required by Law 2010/2011

Re: Health Forms included with your enrollment/re-enrollment packet

The health appraisal form includes the immunization history, and the physical form. Both are included with your packet, one for each child, to help Lima Christian School comply with three different New York State regulations. Listed below are extracts of the regulations involved.

These forms are required by law for admission for all new students. The law requires yearly updates on immunizations and health history for all students re-enrolling. Physicals are required as specified by Education law. New laws now require BMI appraisals, and Dental Health Appraisals for the years during which Physicals are required. See information below.

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Education law, Section 903 – Requires a physical examination of each child entering school for Kindergarten and at these selected grades as well: **K, 2, 4, 7th, and 10th**. In addition, **ANY STUDENT NEW TO LIMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** at any grade level must have a physical examination. It is recommended that these examinations be done by the family physician, as he/she is most familiar with the health needs of your child. It should be done after January 1 of the previous school year in which an examination is required. For example: after January 1, 2006 for enrollment in the 2006 – 2007 school year.

Commissioner's Regulation 135.4 – Requires all student athletes who will participate in the interscholastic sports program to have a physical examination **prior to practicing with any team**. LCS does not employ a school physician. As a result, the student's physician must give physicals.

Public Health Law, Section 2164 – Requires all pupils to be immunized against **poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphtheria, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B and, where applicable, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)** **Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine are required for children born after January 1, 1993 prior to entering Kindergarten and for all 7th and 8th graders enrolled on/after September 1, 2001**. The law recognizes certain religious and health exemptions. Required immunizations need to be updated for school records. Please include all recent booster dates. **These immunizations must be complete before entry.**

New York State allows the school to send any student home not to return to school until a note received from the physician has verified the start of the Hepatitis B series of vaccines, for all students entering 7th grade.

Students who will be enrolled in the 6th grade in 2005 are required to be immunized against varicella (commonly known as chickenpox). All children born on or after January 1, 2005 must be immunized against pertussis (commonly known as whooping cough) and tetanus as requirements for school entry and attendance. Students born on or after January 1, 1994, and who enroll in the 6th grade at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year must be immunized against varicella. Those students born on or after January 1, 1994, and who transfer to a school in this state from another state or country after this law is effective on January 1, 2005, must be immunized at the time of entry into the school in the State of New York.

Students who are entering 6th grade or a comparable age-level special education school or program on or after September 1, 2007 and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap). If a student has received a Td, DT, or DTaP vaccination within the last two years, the student's Tdap vaccination should be deferred (with rare

exceptions) until a period of two years has elapsed. 10 year old students who are entering 6th grade will not be required to receive a Tdap vaccine and will not be excluded from school, but they must be flagged, tracked, and immunized when they turn 11 years old.

Exemptions from this requirement include the following:

- **A history of varicella disease as documented by a health care provider.** Parental recall of the disease history is not sufficient, and will not be accepted as proof of immunity.
- A medical exemption consisting of a written statement from a physician licensed to practice in the State of New York stating that there is a valid medical contraindication to varicella vaccine. A Copy of the exemption must be retained by the school.
- A statement of religious exemption written by the parent, parents, or guardian of the child stating that they hold sincere and genuine religious belief(s) which prohibit the immunization of the child. A copy of the exemption must be retained by the school. Secular principles, including philosophical exemptions are not allowed.
- Serologic proof of immunity to varicella. The serologic test is reliable for determining the immune status in a healthy person after they had a natural infection, but may not be reliable in immunocompromised persons.

Thank you for your cooperation!