

## Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome. This letter provides you with health requirements related to kindergarten entrance. The following requirements are according to the most recent Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) guidelines.

## REQUIRED

- **Physical Examination:** A physical dated anytime **on or after August 12, 2023,** will be accepted. The exam must be completed by a MD, DO, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician's Assistant, must be recorded on the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form, and a parent must complete and sign the Health History section of the physical for it to be accepted by the State of Illinois.
- Lead Screening Documentation: Screening for lead poisoning is required to have been done at least once between the ages of 6 months and 6 years of age. Lead poisoning screening is available from your doctor or at the Adams County Health Department during Immunization Clinic Hours.
- **Immunizations:** Required immunizations for kindergarten are:

**Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/DTaP):** 4 or more doses with the last dose received on/after 4th birthday. **Polio:** 4 or more doses of IPV with the last dose received on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Measles: 2 doses - 1st dose must be on/after the 1st birthday; 2nd dose at least 28 days after the first.

**Rubella:** 2 doses - 1st dose must be on/after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday; 2nd dose at least 28 days after the first.

**Mumps:** 2 doses - 1st dose must be on/after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday; 2nd dose at least 28 days after the first.

**Varicella (Chickenpox):** 2 doses – 1st dose must be on/after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and the 2nd dose at least 28 days after the first.

- **Dental Examination:** The exam must be completed by a licensed dentist and recorded on the State of Illinois Proof of School Dental Examination form. Dental exams that have been completed **after November 15, 2023,** will be accepted for the **2024-2025** school year.
- Eye Examination: The exam must be completed by a licensed optometrist or medical doctor who performs eye examinations and recorded on the State of Illinois Eye Examination Report form. Eye exams dated anytime on or after August 12, 2023, will be accepted for the 2024-2025 school year.

Healthy children are best prepared to learn and thrive inside and outside of school. We wish you and your family good health and success in the new school year! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your school nurse. The Physical, Dental, and Eye Examination forms are available at your providers office or on the Quincy Public School website, www.gps.org, under Nursing/Forms.

Sincerely,

QPS Nursing Department