

## **Immunization Requirements for 2014-2015 School Year**

First Assembly Christian School requires all students to be vaccinated in accordance with the Tennessee Department of Health State statutes and regulations.

**By the First Day of Class:** Every student attending FACS must have a *Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Form* submitted to the School Office. Parents and guardians must get the *Certificate of Immunization Form* from a health care provider/physician licensed in Tennessee or the Shelby County Health Department, which must be signed and dated prior to submitting to the school. **No other immunization record will be accepted.** (sample of form provided).

### **Children enrolling in JrK:**

- Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib), if younger than 5 years only (complete)
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), if younger than 5 years only (complete)
- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP or DT if appropriate) up-to-date, no 4-year dose
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV) up-to-date, no 4-year dose
- Hepatitis B (HBV) up-to-date (complete)
- Hepatitis A: 1 dose, required by 18 months of age or older
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (1 dose of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Varicella (1 dose or credible history of disease)

### **Children enrolling in SrK:**

- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP or DT, if appropriate) final dose on or after the 4th birthday required
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday required
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Hepatitis A: total of 2 doses, spaced at least 6 months apart
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2 doses of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Varicella (2 doses or history of disease)

### **All children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade (including currently enrolled students):**

- Verification of immunity to varicella: 2 doses or credible history of disease doctor documented
- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster (“**Tdap**”): not required if a Td booster dose was given less than 5 years before 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry and is recorded on the DTaP/Td line

### **Children who are new enrollees in a TN school in grades other than JrK/SrK or 7<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate): final dose on or after the 4th birthday required
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday required
- Hepatitis B (HBV) (complete)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2 doses of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Varicella (2 doses or credible history of disease documented by physician)

### **Children with medical or religious exemption to requirements:**

- **Medical:** Physician (MD, DO) or the Health Department is authorized to indicate specific vaccines medically exempted (because of risk of harm) on the new form. Other vaccines remain required. The medical reason for the exemption does not need to be provided. *A medical exemption requires a physician or Health Department signature.*
- **Religious:** This exemption requires a signed statement by the parent/guardian that vaccination conflicts with their religious tenets or practices. If the child needs documentation of a health examination for the school, it must be noted by the healthcare provider on the immunization certificate. In that case, the provider should check the box that the parent has sought a religious exemption, to explain why immunization information is absent or incomplete. **Exemption form can be obtained in the School Office.**

### **Temporary Certificates of Immunization Forms:**

For students that are behind schedule on required vaccines, a *Temporary Certificate of Immunization* can be issued by their health care provider, which **must be signed, dated and submitted to the School Office by the first day of attendance.** A new certificate will need to be issued to the school after each catch-up visit to the health care provider, until the required vaccinations are completed. The *Temporary Certificate of Immunization* will expire 1 month after date of issue. At that time, if the immunizations are not completed, the student may not attend school until the immunizations are up-to-date.