

Spring

Dear Kindergarten Parent/Guardian,

The Nursing Department looks forward to meeting you and your Kindergarten child. We encourage you to discuss any health-related issues or concerns you may have, so that we can assist your child to participate fully in the Kindergarten program. We are available to provide comprehensive health services, including the administration of medications prescribed by your child's Physician, as well as any first aid treatment required during the school day.

### **School Entry Immunization Regulations**

In order to better protect children against vaccine preventable diseases, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Education has published regulations governing the Immunization of Students **before** Admission to School.

The Wellesley Public Schools recommends that all incoming Kindergarten students comply with these requirements that include:

Polio -	4 doses of polio vaccine
DTaP/DTP/DT/TD -	5 doses
MMR	2 doses measles, 1 dose mumps, and 1 dose rubella
Hepatitis B-	3 doses
Varicella-	1 dose*

\*Varicella vaccine or "physician-certified reliable history of chickenpox disease" which the MDPH has defined as: 1) physician interpretation of parent description of chickenpox; 2) Physician diagnosis of chickenpox; or 3) serologic proof of immunity.

### **Required Health Information**

The MDPH also requires parent/guardians of students entering Kindergarten to submit written documentation of:

- A specific vision screening conducted by his/her Primary Health Care Provider or designated staff prior to school entry.
- Blood lead screening once since birth; and
- A physical examination by their primary health care provider within one year of school entry.

We have outlined these regulations, for your convenience, so that you can work with your health care provider to ascertain that you have all the necessary written documentation for submission to the Wellesley Public Schools prior to the first day of school in the fall.

We will expect this information to be on file in the School Nurse's Office prior to the start of school.

Sincerely,

WPS Nurses