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## IMPORANT NOTICE:

### RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION OF REPEAL

On June 13, 2019, the Governor signed into law legislation (S.2994A/A.2371) repealing the provision permitting a religious exemption of the vaccination requirements for students. This means that all schoolchildren must now be vaccinated as required by the Public Health Law, even if their parents have religious objections to the vaccinations. The new legislation is effective immediately.

Pursuant to Public Health Law §2164, every student entering or attending public school must be immunized. Public school students must be immunized against poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphtheria, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B, pertussis, tetanus, and where applicable, Haemophilus influenzae type b, pneumococcal disease, and meningococcal disease. The required immunizations may be administered by any health practitioner, or at no cost by the county health officer upon parental consent. Additional information on the required immunizations and doses may be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

Our records indicate that your child(ren) have previously been granted a religious exemption from the immunization requirements. According to guidance issued by the New York State Education Department, the Department of Health and Office of Children and Family Services, children attending school under a religious exemption must have received the first age appropriate dose in each immunization series by June 28, 2019 to attend or remain in school. By July 14, 2019, parents and guardians must show that they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses. A copy of the New York State guidance is attached.

We encourage you to make efforts to obtain the necessary certificate or other acceptable evidence of immunization as soon as possible so that your child(ren) may continue to attend school.