



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
201 Main Street
VESTAL, NEW YORK 13850

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

RE: Loss of Religious Exemption for Vaccinations in New York State

On June 13, 2019, New York State amended its Public Health Law to eliminate the religious exemption from immunization requirements to attend public school. Effective June 13, 2019, only medical exemptions to school immunizations requirements will be permitted. This applies to public, private, and parochial schools, as well as child day care settings in New York State.

Parents and guardians of all children who do not have their required immunizations are encouraged to have them receive the first dose as soon as possible. The deadline for obtaining first dose vaccinations for children attending school in the fall is 14 days from the first day of school. Within 30 days of the first day of school, parents and guardians of such children must show that they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses. School districts shall not permit a student to attend school for more than 14 days without presenting proof of immunizations.

Please consider contacting the Broome County Health Department at (607) 778-3930 or the Tioga County Health Department at (607) 687-8600 as a resource if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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