

May 29, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Indiana's immunization laws (IC 20-34-4) are in effect to keep students as healthy as possible. For more information about <u>immunizations</u> by grade level follow the link or visit the health services page on the BCSC website.

Please update your child's immunization record any time it changes by:

- Dropping off, mailing, or faxing a copy of the record to the main office of your school or at the Administration Building, 1200 Central Avenue, between 8:00 am -4:00 pm; or
- Submitting an exemption every school year. A medical exemption must be signed by a physician and both medical and religious exemptions are required to be submitted yearly.

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease for which your child is not fully vaccinated (measles, chickenpox, pertussis, mumps), your child may be excluded from school to protect his/her health and the health of all our students and staff. Be aware that the state and local health departments have the authority to quarantine an unvaccinated student during an outbreak for up to 21 days.

You may contact your physician or the Bartholomew County Health Department at 812.379.1555 for information about the vaccines and to schedule an appointment. We encourage you to work with your school nurse, physician and health department to become compliant with the immunization laws before school begins in August 2019.

We appreciate your efforts to keep students healthy, in school, and ready to learn. If you have school required immunization questions, please contact me at 812.376.4234.

Sincerely,

Kelli Thompson

BCSC Health Services Director