## LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Home Schooled Students,

As a parent/guardian of a school-aged child, the Laurel School District is informing you of your responsibilities concerning health screenings and immunizations. Pennsylvania Department of Health and Education Law Code 1949 Article 14 requires that all school-aged children must be immunized according to the state recommendations and have annual health screening throughout the home or cyber school process. The immunization recommendations have been changed and the following immunization requirements will be in effect beginning in the fall of 2017.

Immunization requirements are as follows for students in grades kindergarten through 12:

- 4 DPT's with the 4th vaccine given on or after the 4th birthday.
- 4 Polio
- 2 MMR's
- 3 Hepatitis
- 2 Varicella (or proof of having the disease chickenpox)

Students attending seventh grade also need the following:

- 1 Meningococcal conjugate vaccine
- 1 Tdap vaccine

Students entering the twelfth grade are required:

The second Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (one given after the age of 16 years old)

In addition to immunizations, the Laurel School District must maintain a health record for all home schooled students. Below is a list of mandated health services.

Screening Tests include:

Hearing......Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7 and 11

Scoliosis......Grades 6 and 7

The above noted mandated health services can be completed by your family physician and/or dentist. You also have the option of having them completed at school. Dental exams and physical exams by the school providers are scheduled in the fall of every school year. . . Please contact Dr. Lori Dado by September 30th to schedule an appointment time. Or, enclosed are the forms to be completed by the family medical provider or dentist (for grades kindergarten, 3, 6, 7 and 11 only) should you choose that option. Complete and return the forms to Dr. Dado.

Vision, hearing, scoliosis and height/weight and BMI will be completed by the school nurse. Call at your convenience for an appointment. These screenings can be completed in about 15 minutes.

Contact Dr. Dado, High School Nurse (724 598 9932). Please mail a copy of the current immunization record if your child has received vaccines within the past year.

Thank you for your prompt attention and consideration to this issue.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lori Dado, DNP School Nurse