



Important Information from Hockinson Health Services

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Hockinson High School and Middle School values the health and safety of all of our students. As you prepare to send your child back to school, please be aware of some important health information for your child.

Student Health History: Please complete the *Student Health History* form included in this packet, make sure you include any information regarding health concerns that may impact your child's school day. All health concerns are reviewed by the school nurse, if the health concern is potentially life-threatening, or may adversely impact your child's school day the school nurse will contact you to create an Emergency Care Plan. This plan will be shared with the teachers and staff who work directly with your child, so they know exactly how to respond should your child have a need during the school day.

Immunizations requirement changes: The way schools collect immunization records and comply with immunization rules will be different beginning with the 2020-21 school year. All students must be up to date on immunizations, be in conditional status or have valid exemptions **prior** to the first day of classes, even if the school year begins virtually, there will be no grace period.

- Effective August 1, 2020, these three major changes will go into effect:
 - All new immunization records from students need to be medically verified.
 - The definition of “conditional status” has been clarified.
 - The Tdap vaccine requirement for 6th graders has been changed to a 7th grade requirement.

Please note, If your child is up to date on immunizations and has been enrolled in the district prior to August 1st, no action is necessary. Details of the changes and definitions can be found at:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/SchoolandChildCare/RuleChanges>.

If you aren't sure, or if you have any questions, please contact the school or your healthcare provider.

Please review the Student Handbook for additional health information. If you have any other questions or concerns related to your child's health as they prepare to return to school, please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse.

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