



## Health Records Information

### Medical Survey

At the start of each school year, Faith Christian Academy requires that a Medical Survey be completed for each student. This form will serve as a reference for the school nurse or other school employees throughout the year in the event that your child should have any injuries or health needs while at school.

### Physical and Dental Examinations

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health requires physical examinations for children entering school for the first time and for those entering sixth grade and eleventh grade. Reports of physical exam within a 12-month period prior to the start of school are acceptable. Dental examination reports are required for students entering school for the first time and for those entering third grade and seventh grade.

We recommend that your family physician and dentist do these examinations this summer. They can best evaluate your child's health and assist you in obtaining necessary treatment, correction and booster immunization needed. If your child's necessary reports were not turned in during the above mentioned/required grades, we are asking that you please provide a copy of the report if your doctor or dentist has it on file, or submit a current exam report prior to the opening of school in September.

### Immunizations

The following **minimum** immunizations are required for all students in kindergarten through twelfth grade:

1. **Diphtheria and Tetanus** Four (4) or more properly spaced doses of DTP, DTaP, Td or DT, or any combination of the three with one (1) dose administered on or after the fourth birthday.
2. **Polio** Three (3) or more properly spaced doses of polio vaccine (IPV or OPV).
3. **Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)** Two properly spaced doses, with the first dose administered at 12 months of age or older.
4. **Hepatitis B** Three (3) properly spaced doses of Hepatitis B vaccine are required.
5. **Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine or History of Disease** Two (2) doses of immunization or written statement from physician that the student has had the disease are required for **ALL** students entering school for the new school year.

These immunizations are required for students entering seventh (7th) grade:

1. **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Acellular Pertussis** One (1) dose of Tdap is required if 5 years have elapsed since last tetanus immunization.
2. **Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine** One (1) dose of MCV is required.

### Exemptions

1. A signed physician's statement indicating a medical condition which prohibits an immunization(s).
2. An objection in writing from the parents on religious and/or moral convictions. Any children exempted will be excluded from school in the event of a disease outbreak in the school.

## Communicable Diseases

It is imperative that the school nurse be notified if your child contracts a communicable disease. Children are excluded from school for the following common diseases:

- **Chicken Pox:** excluded until at least six days after the last outbreak of “pox”, and all pox lesions must be crusted over.
- **Conjunctivitis, Acute (“Pink Eye”):** excluded until prescribed treatment for 24 hours.
- **Head Lice:** Excluded until treated with a pediculocide shampoo and combed for nit removal. Students must be checked by the school nurse before being readmitted to school.
- **Impetigo:** excluded until judged non-infective by the child’s physician.
- **Shingles:** excluded until judged non-infective by the child’s physician (all lesions must be crusted over).
- **Measles:** excluded until four days from onset of rash.
- **Mumps:** excluded nine days from the onset or until swelling subsides.
- **Pertussis (Whooping Cough):** excluded four weeks from onset or seven days from start of antibiotic treatment.
- **Ringworm:** excluded until treatment begins.
- **Rubella (German Measles):** excluded four days from the onset of rash.
- **Scabies:** excluded until determined to be non-infective by the child's physician.

**Streptococcal Pharyngitis (Strep Throat and Scarlet Fever):** excluded until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

## Other Criteria for Exclusion from School

Faith Christian Academy also reserves the right to exclude children from school based on the following criteria:

- Illness that prevents the child from participating in activities (such as diarrhea and vomiting)
- Fever (100 degrees or higher). Students may not return to school until free of fever without fever reducing medication for 24 hours.