

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-10!

URGENT IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

This is a reminder about upcoming hepatitis A vaccine requirements for your child. Please check your child's records to be sure that he/she has the following:

Hepatitis A Vaccine – 2 doses

Students now in grades 5-10 will be required to have hepatitis A vaccine by school year 2014-2015. Currently, children in childcare, preschool, and grades K-4 are required to have hepatitis A vaccine.

Hepatitis A is a vaccine is a two dose series. The second dose should be given 6-12 months after the first dose. An appropriate medical or religious exemption is also acceptable.

Hepatitis A is a virus that can cause liver damage. Though the majority of hepatitis A cases do not cause long-term illness, about 100 people die each year in the U.S. from liver failure caused by severe hepatitis A. Children under 6 years old often don't show any signs of illness.

If your child does not have the two doses of hepatitis A vaccine, contact your child's doctor or Jefferson County Health Department to make an appointment. It is important to get an early start on updating your child's immunizations.

Please give all updated immunization information to your school when you register your student for fall classes.

(Please return this form to school)

Student's Name _____

Student's Date of Birth _____

Hepatitis A dose 1 date _____

Hepatitis A dose 2 date _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____