



# St. Alphonsus Patrick School



*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow*

To: Parents/Guardians

Re: Student Health Requirements

All families of **students entering PK, K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>** need to read this memo all the way through to find out the specifics for certain grades and mandatory laws regarding Health requirements.

## **HEALTH EXAMINATIONS**

A documented health examination is mandatory by state law for all students entering **PRE-KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, and 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE** for the school term beginning in August 2025

- Any student entering any grade level from out-of-state must have an IN-STATE verified health examination prior to the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.
- The health examination form is to be completed and **signed by the PARENT and the PHYSICIAN** where indicated and returned to the school office on or before the first day of class of in August 2026.
- All required immunizations must be completed prior to the first day of attendance of the 2025 school year. Please remember that the chicken pox vaccine is now mandatory for students entering PK and K for the first time. PK students must have 4 HIB vaccinations.
- The Hepatitis B series (3 immunizations) takes four to six months to complete so if your child is missing this series, please begin now to make sure your child is up-to-date by August of 2026.
- Any children entering any grade level after July 1993 will be required to show evidence of having received two doses of the live measles virus vaccine: the first dose administered not earlier than twelve months of age and the second dose no less than one month later.
- Proof of immunity or of having had the disease must be verified by a health care provider. This includes both the measles and the chicken pox disease.
- T Tine test is strongly recommended for children entering KINDERGARTEN.

- Boosters for OPV and DPT are required for KINDERGARTEN entrance.
- A lead screening for PK and K is NOT NECESSARY.
- SIXTH GRADE students are required to have a complete physical with the past immunization history completed, **plus provide proof of Tdap vaccination.**

The first page of the Illinois Department of Public Health physical form for those students requiring an examination and/or immunizations for school attendance is to be completed by the health care provider for all immunizations or verification if immunity (i.e., had childhood disease). It is not necessary for the physician or the parent to complete the section on vision and hearing. **PLEASE BE SURE ALL STUDENT INFORMATION AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE IS COMPLETE.**

The second page contains a section for the child's health history. **This entire portion** should be filled out and **SIGNED by the parent or guardian.** The next two sections again need to be completed by the doctor or medical assistant.

Make sure that your physician signs both the immunization history and the actual physical exam. If your child has any specific health problems this should be indicated on the form.

Please remember to review the form before you turn it in. **Be sure ALL student data is complete on the top of BOTH SIDES OF THE FORM. If it is not signed by parent and health provider in the appropriate areas, your child will be considered in non-compliance until all signatures are obtained.** Non-compliance means that your child will not be permitted attend school.

Exams must be completed within one year prior to the first entrance to the required grade and may be turned in when completed or the first day of school.

Religious objection and medical objection to immunizations will be looked at on an individual basis and proper documentation must be provided, approved by the CCDPH, and maintained on file.

## **DENTAL EXAMINATIONS**

An Illinois state law that went into effect July 5, 2005 requires mandatory dental exams for all school children whether public, private or parochial for students entering **KINDERGARTEN, 2<sup>nd</sup> , AND 6<sup>TH</sup> grades.**

- The examination must be performed by a licensed dentist and signed to show proof of the examination.
- The proof of dental examination and waiver forms will be uniform for the state and those students who need the dental exams will be provided with the proper form.
- A child can claim an exemption based on religious grounds, but the request would have to be approved by the dental division of ISBE.
- As with physical exams and immunizations, a student may be excluded for not having a dental exam completed by the first day of school in August of 2026.
- Make sure your dentist fills out the complete oral health status and the treatment plan. All these statistics (not names) are reported to the state just as the immunizations and physicals are.
- Please review the dental form prior to leaving your dentist's office. **If the form is not signed by the dental provider, your child is in non-compliance and may be excluded from school.** Parents need to fill out the top portion of the form completely.

## **EYE EXAMINATIONS**

Illinois requires all children beginning **KINDERGARTEN** for the first time have a comprehensive eye examination.

Eye exams for children entering school are critical for the early intervention needed to treat diseases and disorders that can lead to poor school performance and can ultimately affect a child's quality of life. A comprehensive eye examination from your local optometrist is a good way to make sure that your child is adequately prepared to learn with clear and comfortable vision.

- Although parents have until October 15 to provide proof of an eye exam, doctors of optometry are asking parents to make appointments now for their children to avoid long wait times.
- The eye examination must be completed within one year prior to the child beginning school.
- The eye examination report must be **signed by the PARENT and the OPTOMETRIST.**

**Attachments are as follows:**

<b>Entering PK</b>	<b>only a physical form</b>
<b>Entering K</b>	<b>a physical form, a dental form, and an eye exam form</b>
<b>Entering 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>only a dental form</b>
<b>Entering 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>a physical form, and a dental form</b>

Please feel free to contact the school office if you should have any questions regarding these requirements.

Thank you.