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BULLITT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Important Immunization Information

Starting July 1, 2018, all students in grades Kindergarten - 12 are required to receive updated immunizations and provide new certificates to schools as part of Kentucky's amended schedule.

Non-compliance prohibits students from attending school.

District Health Coordinator Lesa Howell explained that all students must have a new and current immunization certificate listing all required shots for school attendance.

The biggest changes are:

Hepatitis A vaccine for ages 12 months through 18 years in a two-dose series which must be administered six months apart. Documentation of this vaccine is required.

Quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) meningitis booster dose (age 16 years). Documentation of this vaccine is also required.

Howell said studies have found that protection from the meningitis vaccine decreases in many teenagers within five years, so a booster dose is needed to maintain protection during the age when most are at-risk for the disease.

Bullitt County Public Schools has over 13,100 students in grades preschool through 12. There are 25 school facilities, a certified staff of over 900 and a classified staff of over 800 working to make the district the leader in educational excellence.