

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER FOR ALL TMA FAMILIES

Immunization requirements for school entry help ensure that most children are protected against disease. Because contagious diseases spread among susceptible people, immunization decreases the chance of infection and outbreaks of disease in schools by decreasing the number of unprotected people who may be infected and subsequently transmit the disease. Indiana state law has a minimum requirement for immunizations *prior to* the first day of each school year.

TMA's requirements include: <u>ALL</u> students must have a current copy of immunizations on file in the school's office *prior to* the first day of school <u>every year</u>. In addition, all Kindergarten, 1st and 6th year students and all NEW students must have a completed doctor's exam form - *Indiana State Department of Health Record* - on file in the school's office *prior to* the first day of school. All other students must have a completed *Annual Health Update* form on file in the school's office *prior to* the first day of school. All students are expected to be in accordance with these requirements *prior to* the first day of school.

Medical exemptions are allowed when a medical contraindication exists. Proper paperwork is required to be on file in the school office for this exemption. During disease outbreak, non-immunized children will be excluded from school and/or activities related to school until the outbreak is over, both for their protection and for the protection of others.