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Acknowledgment of Immunization Exemption Vulnerability

Colorado Springs School District 11

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Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Hepatitis B (Hep B) – Three doses are required for all students K through 12th grades to protect against a serious liver disease that can lead to liver damage, liver cancer, and death.

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (DTaP/Tdap/DT/Td) – Five doses of DTaP or DT are required for children under 7 years of age and one dose of Tdap is required for students in 6th through 12th grades. Tdap is recommended for children 7 to 10 years of age who have not completed the DTaP or DT series. DTaP, DT, Td & Tdap are the vaccines that protect against tetanus (a disease that causes painful muscle stiffness, convulsions and death) and diphtheria (a disease that can cause suffocation, paralysis, heart failure, and death). The pertussis portion of the vaccine protects against whooping cough, which can lead to pneumonia, seizures, and death. Tdap vaccine will help protect adolescents from the whooping cough or pertussis disease and it will help prevent them from infecting infants and smaller children in the family.

Polio (IPV) – Up to 4 doses of the vaccine are required and protects against paralysis, typically of the legs, as well as the muscles that help us breathe.

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) – Two doses of this vaccine are required to protect against three diseases. Measles can cause ear infection, pneumonia, seizures, inflammation of the brain, and death. Mumps can lead to deafness, meningitis, painful swelling of the testicles or ovaries, and occasionally, death. Rubella in pregnant women can cause miscarriage or serious birth defects to the unborn child.

Varicella or Chickenpox (Var) – Two doses are required for children in kindergarten through 4th grade and one dose is required for children in 5th through 11th grade. This vaccine protects against chickenpox disease, a rash illness that can lead to skin infections, pneumonia, swelling of the brain, and on occasion, death.

A statement of Exemption to Immunization Law may be enacted:

medical exemption signed by licensed physician stating that the student's physical condition is such that immunizations would endanger life or health or is otherwise medically contraindicated

religious exemption signed by the parent, guardian, or emancipated student that the student adheres to a religious belief opposed to immunizations

personal exemption signed by the parent, guardian, or emancipated student that the student adheres to a personal belief opposed to immunizations.

Please be advised that if there is an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at your school, the Health Department may quarantine your unvaccinated child at home for a number of weeks. School District 11 is not obligated to provide homebound tutoring for children missing school for this reason.

I have read and understand the immunization exemption information above.

Parent signature

Date