



# Cornwall Central School District

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Dear Families,

We hope this letter finds you well. This letter provides important information related to immunizations and physical examination requirements for the upcoming 2020-21 school year.

### Immunizations

As a parent, New York State Public Health Law §2164 obligates you to immunize your child, absent an approved medical exemption. The law does not allow students to attend more than 14 days of school without the proper immunizations. **Please contact your child(ren)'s physician to ensure immunizations are up-to-date for the 2020-21 school year.** While many health care offices have moved toward telehealth, the NYSDOH issued guidance on 5/19/20 stating in-person health care, including vaccinations, should not be postponed. Children who are uninsured can make an appointment with the Orange County Department of Health: 845-360-6587.

### Physical Exams

NYSED requires a physical exam for **new entrants** and students in **Grades PreK, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11**; annually for **interscholastic sports**; and **working papers** as needed; or as required by the **Committee on Special Education (CSE)** or **Committee on Pre-School Special education (CPSE)**. If your child falls into one of the above categories, please have your child's physician complete the attached medical examination form and return it to your child's school nurse. School health offices are required to obtain a copy of the medical examination from the parent/guardian of each student within 30 days from the start of the school year. Undetected medical problems can be an obstacle to school success and need to be discovered and treated promptly. It is preferable for your child's private healthcare practitioner to perform the physical examination because of his/her knowledge of your child's previous illnesses, immunization history, and family medical history. We understand that you may not be able to schedule your child's physical exam prior to the opening month of school due to insurance coverage or limited availability of your private health care physician during the COVID-19 public health crisis. If this is the case, please communicate this information to your child's school nurse and schedule your child's appointment as soon as allowable. Please also communicate with your child's school nurse if you need the school to administer your child's physical examination. Please note the school examination is not intended to replace or duplicate the examination done by your child's physician and at this time school-conducted physicals cannot be scheduled until early 2021, although that may change dependent upon the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the fall.

Please contact your child's school nurse with any questions.

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