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Dear Parent,

This is an exciting time for you and your preschool child!

In preparation for kindergarten, your child will need immunizations prior to starting school. Many of your child's immunizations were given during infancy, but some of these vaccines require a booster after the age of four.

Please review your child's immunization records before registration. To enter school, the law requires a current immunization record on all students.

Your child may need updating on the following immunizations:

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| • Diphtheria/ Tetanus/ acellular Pertussis (DTaP) | FIVE DOSES REQUIRED BEFORE SCHOOL ENTRY |
| • Polio (IPV) or (OPV) | FOUR DOSES REQUIRED BEFORE SCHOOL ENTRY |
| • Measles/ Mumps/ Rubella (MMR) | TWO DOSES REQUIRED BEFORE SCHOOL ENTRY |
| • Hepatitis B (HBV) | THREE DOSES REQUIRED BEFORE SCHOOL ENTRY |
| • Chicken Pox (varicella) or
documentation he/she had chicken pox | TWO DOSES REQUIRED BEFORE SCHOOL ENTRY |

NOTE: North Dakota has a "No Shots: No School Attendance" state law that our School District enforces. (Parents can sign a waiver exempting their child from immunization.)

If proof of vaccination is not provided to the school by the end of the 30 school-day period, the child will be excluded from school until proof of immunization is provided as required by law or until parent/guardian shows the child has begun the immunization process.

Your child can receive these immunizations **at your doctor's office** or at Fargo Cass Public Health.

If you choose to go to *Fargo Cass Public Health*:

1. Be sure to bring your child's record of previous immunizations with you for review by health staff.
2. If your child has insurance coverage, Fargo Cass Public Health will file their fees to your insurance. If your child does not have insurance coverage or if your child's insurance does not cover immunizations, the vaccine will be provided through the VFC program (Vaccine For Children); an administrative charge per shot is requested at the time of service.
3. Immunization clinics are held at Fargo Cass Public Health Department, 1240 25th Street South in Fargo.
4. Call **701-241-1383** to schedule an appointment. This is a wonderful opportunity to complete your child's immunizations prior to your busy summer. For more information, contact your school nurse or call Fargo Cass Public Health at 701-241-1383.