



## PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Dear Parent or Guardian;

To help prepare families for the upcoming school year, the Putnam County Department of Health would like to review some aspects of the legislation removing non-medical exemptions from school vaccination requirements.

Non-medical exemptions, including religious exemptions, are no longer accepted for the requirement that children be vaccinated to attend child day care or public, private or parochial schools (grades pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade). Children who previously had a non-medical exemption must now receive the first age appropriate dose in each immunization series within 14 days from the first day of school or enrollment in child day care. Children must also be able to show that they have scheduled appointments for all required follow-up doses within 30 days of the first day of school.

Families who may have a child excluded due to a previous non-medical exemption and don't meet current New York State vaccine requirements for school attendance should be aware of these changes. Please don't wait. Set-up appointments with either your child's health care provider or with the Putnam County Department of Health as soon as possible. Children who do not meet these requirements will be excluded from school or day care.

We want to help ensure that your child has a successful school year and does not miss school due to the updated vaccination requirements. For more information please visit our website at <https://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/immunization/>.

Sincerely,

The Putnam County Department of Health Immunization Program