

School vaccination regulations in Washington State have changed for the upcoming **2016-17 school year**. The WA State Department of Health now requires two doses of chickenpox (Varicella) vaccine for all students in grades K through 12.

**Here's what you need to do:**

Check your student vaccination records or contact your health care provider and be sure that each student has the required vaccinations before the start of classes in September, 2016.

School nurses will review each student's vaccination records and will notify parents through regular postal mail by the end of the **current** school year if a student needs additional vaccinations. Students who do not have two doses of vaccine by the start of classes in September, 2016, could be excluded from school.

Chickenpox is a highly contagious disease that can be very serious for children and adults. Two doses of vaccine are very effective against the disease.

More detailed information can be found on the SPS webpage: <http://bit.ly/1nm3Umj>

You can access your family's immunization records through the Washington Immunization Information System: <http://1.usa.gov/1QyXmsJ>

Sincerely,

SPS Health Services Team