

THE TISBURY SCHOOL
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Dear Parent,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires that the following information be presented before your child is allowed to start school. These documents will be kept in your child's medical files in the nurse's office.

I MUST HAVE ALL REQUIRED HEALTH INFORMATION BEFORE YOUR CHILD STARTS SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER, OR YOUR CHILD MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL.

- + Copy of a **physical examination** done within one year of entrance
- + The results of one **lead screening** done anytime before entrance
- + The results of a **vision screening**
- + The following immunizations:
 1. **Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTP):** Five doses are required for school entrance. (Four doses will be accepted if the fourth dose was given after your child's fourth birthday.)
 2. **Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV):** Four doses are required for school entrance. (Three doses will be accepted if the third dose was given after your child's fourth birthday.)
 3. **Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR):** Two doses are required for school entrance.
 4. **Hepatitis-B:** This series of three vaccines is required for school entrance.
 5. **Chicken Pox:** You must submit proof that your child has had EITHER:
 1. Two doses of vaccine or 2. Physician certified history of the disease.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Catherine Coogan, RN, MPH
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Dear Parent,

Welcome to the Tisbury School! Kindergarten is such an exciting time for both parents and children! I look forward to meeting you all!

The school administrative assistant will schedule your child to return to school in a few weeks for kindergarten registration.

Please let me know if your child has any medical conditions such as allergies (to bee stings, foods, medications, pollens, or animals), asthma, seizures, diabetes, physical limitations, etc. I am responsible for maintaining health records as well as tending to the health needs of all children here at the school.

Certain screenings are performed while your child attends school here. Vision and hearing screenings are done routinely each year during K-5th grade and again in 7th grade. Postural screenings to check for scoliosis are routinely done in grades 5th-8th. Body Mass Index (BMI) information is calculated through collecting height and weight in grades 1,4,and 7.

Physical exams by your child's doctor will be required for kindergarten entrance and again every 3-4 years.

Please inform me if your child contracts chicken pox or any other communicable disease.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me by telephone or email.

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Please be sure I receive health documents as soon as possible. Physicals, missing immunizations, and lead screenings should be taken care of well in advance to the start of school, so results can be turned in to me at least one week before the beginning of school in September.