

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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“Jesus said, “Learn from Me” Matthew 11:29

Dear Parent/Guardian of a St. Matthew Early Childhood Student,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the **State of Illinois Health Requirements** for entry to preschool for the 2021-22 school year. Please note that we ask that Physical Examinations and **Immunizations be completed and on file in the school office the first day of school (September 6)**. Unless the student is transferring from out of state or has a physician documented date of appointment, failure to comply by October 15 of the current school year will result in exclusion from school until required health forms are presented to the school of attendance.

Physical Examination: Physical examinations are required of all students completed within one year prior to entrance into preschool. This exam must be recorded on the **State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination Form**, signed and dated by the healthcare provider completing the exam and verifying immunizations. Parents are required to complete and sign the “Heath History” portion of the examination form.

Immunizations: Immunizations must be up-to-date, recorded and verified on the **Certificate of Child Health Exam** form and administered as recommended by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health per Sate of IL mandates. Students must show evidence of immunity against Polio, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella.

The State of IL allows for a parent or guardian of a student to object to health examinations, immunizations, vision and hearing screening tests, and dental health examinations on the basis of **religious or medical** grounds. To be accepted as valid, the request must be resubmitted at the time of state mandated health requirements and in the event of new state requirements. Parents or legal guardians who object to health or immunizations or vision and hearing screening tests on religious grounds shall present to the local school the **State of IL Certificate of Religious Exemption Form** (available in the school office) signed by both parent and primary care provider detailing the grounds for objection and the specific immunization or examinations to which they object.

Any **medical objection/contraindication** to health requirements must be written by a physician, licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, indicating what the medical condition is, and signed by the physician on the State of IL **Certificate of Child Health Examination** form and placed in the child’s permanent record. Should the condition of the child later permit immunization, this requirement must then be met.

Medications: To administer medications at school, including prescription and over-the-counter medications, the school office must have on file a written order signed by the physician AND written authorization from the parent. Please note that under no circumstances will our staff administer any medication unless the above requirements have been satisfied. Parents are required to deliver the medication in its properly labeled original container. All medications must be stored in the school office. Students are permitted to carry inhalers, epi-pens, or diabetic supplies with proper documentation in the health office. **Medication Authorization Forms** are available in the school office.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

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