

JRC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Important information regarding the Health Form and Immunizations

In order for your child to attend preschool, the enclosed Health Form must be completed and returned to JRC. Please make sure to fill out the top part of the back of the form with your child's health history and sign your name under **Parent or Guardian Signature/Date**.

Your child's **immunizations** must be up to date. A list of required immunizations is on the reverse side of this form. Licensed preschools require immunization recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Illinois Department of Public Health and the CDC. If your physician does not follow the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommended vaccination schedule, please let them know your child will be attending an Illinois licensed preschool and these vaccinations are required. No exemptions will be granted unless approved by IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health, DCFS (Illinois Department of Child and Family Services) and the JRC Early Childhood Director.

If you live in **Chicago or in the Evanston 60201 or 60202 zip code areas** you will need the numeric results of a **lead test**. Results of a **TB test** is also required unless your physician does not recommend that it be done, and it is notated in the appropriate area on the form, or your physician may include a note on his/her letterhead or prescription pad. Your physician must sign and date the completed health form or use a signature stamp and list the name and address and phone of the office at the bottom of the form. If a separate immunization schedule is attached it must be signed or signature stamped from the physician/health care provider.

All **new students** must have a physical dated within 6 months of enrollment. Students who are transferring from another childcare center may use a physical dated within one year of enrollment. All **returning students** must have a physical every two years. We need these forms on file for all children to remain enrolled in our program. We will notify you when a physical is due but we recommend you send in your annual physical report. Additional forms are always available in the preschool office.

Children may not start school without the above required information. We will return incomplete forms to you. If IDPH, DCFS or the JRC Director determines that a student is considered in noncompliance, we will notify you and students may not attend school until proper documentation is received. All licensed preschools in Illinois require this information, and you may use the same forms at any school if you are transferring from another school. Feel free to call the preschool office (847-328-7678x2227) if you have any questions or concerns, or call your local health department or DCFS for information about obtaining a current physical and immunizations.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – Children Two to Four Years Old

The JRC Early Childhood Center is licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). In order to enroll in preschool, children must have a health examination within 6 months of enrollment, and a completed health form. It must be signed by a physician or medical practitioner, and the parent section must be completed and signed. The immunizations due by the child's second birthday must be up to date, based on the schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. To be in compliance with regulations of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and DCFS, children entering our preschool must show vaccination proof (signed and dated by a physician or medical practitioner) for the following (listed in the order they appear on the IDPH Certificate of Health Examination form):

- 1. Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP or DTaP):** Four doses administered at the appropriate intervals.
- 2. Polio (IPV):** At least three doses administered at the appropriate intervals.
- 3. Hib:** Usually three doses, with the first two before 12 months. If all three are given before 12 months, a fourth is needed. (or) Two doses required if first was given after 12 months. (or) One dose required if only dose was given after 24 months.
- 4. Hepatitis B:** Three doses administered at the appropriate intervals.
- 5. Varicella:** One dose at 12 months or later; or prior varicella disease (chicken pox) if verified with date of illness on the child's health form; or laboratory evidence of immunity.
- 6. Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR):** One dose at 12 months or later; or a physician-diagnosed case; or laboratory-confirmed evidence of immunity.

Lead test results: The numeric results of a lead test if you live in Evanston or Chicago or other area where lead test is required. (See attached guide.)

TB test results or a notation on the health form signed by a physician or medical practitioner that no test is needed, or a separate signed letter from a physician or medical practitioner.

No exemptions to the above will be granted unless approved by IDPH, and DCFS, and the JRC Early Childhood Director.

Allergies and Medical Conditions: Children with allergies or medical conditions requiring medication or treatment during school must submit an allergy/care plan signed by physician and parent/guardian. All medications must be in original container and given to director before child begins school. Medications are checked twice a year to ensure proper expiration code and content. Parents are required to replace expired medication and will be asked to check allergy/care plans at intervals during the year.