

Change in NYS Law as it applies to vaccinations

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Dear Somers Families:

This communication is to provide you with important information regarding a change in NYS Law as it applies to vaccinations.

Governor Cuomo recently signed legislation eliminating the religious exemption from vaccinations for children.

If your child(ren) previously had religious exemptions, they must receive their first doses by September 19th 2019, which is 14 days following the first day of school. By October 3rd, 2019, you must show proof of appointments for all required follow-up doses. We recommend beginning the immunization process during the summer to avoid any scheduling issues or missed school.

The District is aware that there may be legal challenges to this new legislation and will advise you of any change to the status of the law.

If you have any immediate concerns about what vaccinations are required by a certain age we advise that you contact your pediatrician's office or visit the following Center for Disease Control website <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at 914-277-2434.

Sincerely,

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