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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is not up to date with immunizations required for child care and school. As a reminder, in accordance with New York State law, children must meet immunization requirements to attend and remain in child care and school.

Children who are not fully immunized must get catch-up doses of immunizations within 14 days after the minimum interval that they are due, according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) catch-up schedule (Table 2). Appointments for follow-up vaccine doses must be within the 14-day window.

Delays in vaccination are not acceptable. Principals and directors are responsible for making sure that students who are not in compliance with immunization requirements are excluded from child care and school.

For a full list of vaccines required for child care and school, visit schools.nyc.gov and search for immunizations. If it is not possible for your child to receive their vaccines from their health care provider, visit the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Fort Greene Health Center at 295 Flatbush Avenue Extension, Fifth Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201. For hours, visit nyc.gov/health and search for immunization clinic.

For questions about these requirements, please contact your child care center or school’s administrative office.

Sincerely,

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