



Peniel Baptist Academy

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As of 2006, Florida Legislature is requiring all schools to provide parents with information regarding:

- √ school entry requirements
- √ required school immunizations
- √ the CDC recommended immunization schedule
- √ student health resource information, including available parent resources,
- √ detailed information about seasonal flu, H1N1, meningococcal disease, and HPV vaccination.

Please read over this information carefully. You may contact the school office if you have any questions and we will direct you to the appropriate health agency to meet your need.

Hand Sanitizer Needed

With cold and flu season upon us we are taking some precautions here at PBA to help keep your children as healthy as possible. Our teachers are teaching and encouraging students to thoroughly wash their hands several times a day, to cough and sneeze into a tissue, and to avoid putting their hands/fingers near their mouth, nose, and eyes. In addition to these common precautions, we are also putting hand sanitizer dispensers in each classroom. Students are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer each time they enter the classroom as well as at certain designated times (before and after lunch, using the restroom, recess, coughing or sneezing, etc.). As you can imagine this will be quite challenging to try to keep every classroom stocked with hand sanitizers. We are able to purchase a 67 ounce pump bottle of hand sanitizer for about \$7.00. We are asking that each student send in \$7.00 at this time to help with the restocking in the classrooms.



PBA SCHOOL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

What information must parents provide the PBA Records Department before their child may start school?

- a. **Birth Certificate (copy).** Information on how to obtain your child's birth certificate can be found online at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/planning_eval/vital_statistics/birth_death.htm.
- b. **Social Security Card (copy).** Information on how to obtain your child's social security number can be found online at <http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10023.html>.
- c. **Immunization Record (Blue Card, Form 680)**
A Florida Certificate of Immunization, Form 680 (blue card), completed by a Florida physician or by Florida county health department, must be turned into the school office within 30 days of enrollment for new students and by September 18, 2009, for current students. All immunizations must stay current while attending PBA. Students who are not in compliance (current) with the required immunizations will be refused admittance or temporarily excluded from school attendance until the proper immunizations and documentation is received. This is a requirement of the state of Florida (see Florida Statute Section 1003.22). Parents may get a Blue Card from their child's doctor or the county health department that administered the immunization. Information about obtaining a Blue Card may also be found online at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Disease_ctrl/immune/community/index.htm.
- d. **School Entry Health Exam (Canary Copy DH 3040)**
The school physical exam must have been given within in the 12 months prior to school entry. The physical report must be recorded on the DH 3040 form by a licensed physician or an authorized agent of a Florida County Health Department attesting that the child is in good health or that any irregular condition is under treatment. Your child's physician or the health department will have a copy of the DH3040.

Student Health Resource Information and Available Parent Resources

FL♥rida KidCare

Working families with uninsured children can apply year-round for affordable health care benefits from Florida KidCare.

KidCare provides quality medical benefits to families with uninsured children under the age of 19. Children enrolled in the program receive regular doctor's visits, immunizations and routine vision and hearing screening. Most families pay a premium of \$15 or \$20 a month.

Qualified families can enroll their children in KidCare by simply completing a one-page application, attaching the income verification documents, and mailing, faxing or e-mailing it back to KidCare anytime during the year. (See information box for contact information)

Applications and enrollment information are available at www.floridakidcare.org. Families can complete an on-line application, download and print an application, determine what documents they need to send and find answers to their questions about the program.

"Our goal is to enroll as many eligible children in the program as possible and we hope people will read this article and let others know about our benefits," said Rose Naff, executive director of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation. "There's nothing like having the peace of mind that you have affordable health insurance which allows you to take your kids to the doctor instead of the emergency room when they're sick."

Since it began in 1998, Florida KidCare has offered working families access to high-quality doctors and preventative care for their children at a low cost. KidCare now covers more than 250,000 children statewide.

To enroll in Florida KidCare, visit www.floridakidcare.org or call 1-888-540-KIDS.

Florida KidCare Enrollment Facts and Information

- Open enrollment applications can be downloaded off the Internet at: www.floridakidcare.org
- Families can also call 1-888-540-KIDS (1-888-540-5437) to receive the enrollment application by mail
- Enrollment guidelines only require one document verifying each source of income (most recent federal income tax return, wages and earnings statements or pay stubs).

- To submit an application you can:

Mail it to:

Florida KidCare
Post Office Box 980
Tallahassee, Florida 32302-0980

Fax it to: (850) 681-2131

Email it to: apply@healthykids.org

(Accepted email attachments must be sent in one of the following formats: .JPG .JPEG .BMP .GIF .TIF .PDF .DOC .PPT .TIF .TIFF .TXT .RTF)

Florida Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

Under federal government regulations, children from birth-18 years of age are eligible to receive free vaccines if they are enrolled in Medicaid, or have no health insurance, or are American Indians/Native



Alaskans, or are covered by a health insurance that does not provide for immunizations. For more information call 1-800-483-2543.

**SEE THE INSERT FOR
DETAILED INFORMATION
ABOUT SEASONAL FLU, H1N1,
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE
AND HPV VACCINATION.**

IMMUNIZATION AND RECORD REQUIREMENTS (BLUE CARD)

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING OR ATTENDING SCHOOL, CHILD CARE, FAMILY DAY CARE AND/OR PRESCHOOL

Forms Required for Immunization Documentation:

- Ⓢ Department of Health Form 680
- Ⓢ Ask your doctor, clinic or county health department to fill out the Department of Health Form 680 for you. Don't forget to take your child's immunization record with you.

Immunizations Required for Preschool Entry (age-appropriate doses as are medically indicated):

- Ⓢ Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis Series
- Ⓢ Polio Series
- Ⓢ Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)
- Ⓢ Hepatitis B Series
- Ⓢ Varicella (effective in 2001-02 school year)
- Ⓢ Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)



Immunizations Required for Kindergarten Entry:

- Ⓢ Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis Series (five doses)
- Ⓢ Polio Series (four doses)
- Ⓢ Measles-Mumps-Rubella (Effective in the 2008-2009 school year: 2nd dose of mumps and rubella.

Preferably as two doses of measles, mumps, rubella and varicella vaccine (MMRV) in the combined form.)

- Ⓢ Hepatitis B Series (three doses)
- Ⓢ Varicella (one dose required starting in the 2001-2002 school year) (two doses required starting in the 2008-2009 school year)

Immunizations Required for 7th Grade Entry:

- Ⓢ Tetanus-Diphtheria Booster (Td or Tdap)

Immunizations Required for Child Care and/or Family Day Care (up-to-date for age):

- Ⓢ Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis Series
- Ⓢ Polio Series
- Ⓢ Measles-Mumps-Rubella
- Ⓢ Varicella (effective July 2001)
- Ⓢ Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- Ⓢ Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (Effective January 1, 2008 for children 2 to 24 months of age)

For more information, contact your [County Health Department](#) or private physician.

This information may be found at
www.doh.state.fl.us/Family/school/parent/parent_info.html



A detailed childhood immunization schedule is available online at
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm>



September 16, 2009

Dear Putnam County Families:

There has been a tremendous amount of news coverage regarding H1N1, commonly referred to as swine flu. Peniel Baptist Academy and the Putnam County Health Department are mutually committed to promoting the health and well-being of both our students and community. The most recent effort is our joint collaboration in developing a plan to minimize the spread of influenza.

H1N1, like the regular flu, is spread by contact with people who are ill. People are considered infectious up to 24 hours AFTER the fever is gone. A fever is considered to be 100 or more degrees Fahrenheit. The Centers for Disease Control, CDC, has identified that the best way to prevent infecting others is to follow the guidelines below:

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. It is best to use a tissue and discard after use.
- Properly wash your hands frequently throughout the day. Hands need to be washed following restroom use and coughing or sneezing as a minimum. Hand sanitizers can also be effective.
- Avoid contact with people who are ill and those who have flu-like symptoms.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home.

Parents of students with a fever and or other flu-like symptoms will be contacted to pick up their children and will be asked to keep them home until signs of the illness are gone. Peniel Baptist Academy will continue to use guidelines issued by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health when determining outbreak related school closings. Parents and community members are encouraged to learn more at <http://flu.gov> and www.MYFluSafety.com

Sincerely,

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