Immunization Policy

All students entering, attending or transferring to Trinity Valley School must be fully vaccinated based on the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) requirement immunization schedule. To access the TDSHS’s required immunization schedule for students, please visit: <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/school-requirements.aspx>

**Immunization Requirements**

Acceptable records and/or documentation include:

1) Original immunization record or photocopy that includes the signature or stamp of a physician or physician’s representative validating the record.

2) An official immunization record from a state or local health authority.

3) An official record received from school officials, including records from another state.

Serologic confirmations of immunity measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, or varicella or serologic confirmations of immune response are acceptable in lieu of vaccine. Additionally, with regard to varicella (chicken pox) only, a written statement from a parent or legal guardian, school nurse or physician attesting to a child’s positive history of varicella disease or varicella immunity is acceptable in lieu of a vaccine record for that disease. DSHS Form: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/c-9.pdf>

**Exemptions**

Exclusion from compliance is allowable for medical reasons if the vaccine required would be harmful or injurious to the health and well-being of the child. In order to claim medical exemption, a student must have a written letter from his or her physician stating that the required vaccines would be medically contraindicated. This letter must be updated annually prior to the start of the school year.

**Influenza Vaccination:**

Trinity Valley School strongly recommends that all students and members of the faculty and staff receive an annual influenza vaccine.