

North Putnam Community School Corporation

School Health and Nursing Services

Bainbridge Elem. School
522-6233

Roachdale Elem. School
522-1732

North Putnam Middle School
522-2900

North Putnam High School
522-6282

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NPCSC School Nurse

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the 2009 & 2013 legislative session, IC 20-34-4-2 was revised, requiring the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to “adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to require school age children to receive additional immunizations against the following: Meningitis, Varicella, and Pertussis (whooping cough). The additional immunizations required under the rules shall include an immunization booster if considered appropriate by the state department.”

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, all kindergarten through students in grade 12 will be required to have 2 doses of Varicella vaccine, given on or after the first birthday and seperated by age appropriate intervals as defined by the CDC. Students in grades kindergarten through grade 5 must have written documentation from a health care provider as verification of having had the chicken pox illness. This must include month and year. Students in grade 6 through 12 must have written parent documentation of having had the chicken pox. This must include the month and year of the illness.

Most private healthcare providers offer this vaccine or you can check with the Putnam County Department of Health (658-2782). Please do not wait until August to obtain the vaccination as appointments are usually booked in August. Once the vaccination is obtained, you may send verification to the school nurse and she will enter the information into the health data base at your child’s school as verification that your child’s immunizations are up-to-date and meet ISDH/IDOE immunization requirements.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 522-0688.

Sincerely,

Marilynn Unger, RN
NPCSC School Nurse