



July 18, 2023

Dear University School of the Lowcountry parent(s)/guardian(s):

This packet includes several enclosures, summarized below, related to issues of health and your child. Please review them. As applicable, please complete and return any forms which need information and signatures from you.

Current Year Medical Form, including authorization to treat students

An updated medical form must be completed and submitted each school year. Please re-submit a Medical Authorization Form to University School whenever there are any additions or changes of information for your student(s). **We must receive the medical form (printed or sent electronically) by the morning of the first day of school -- Wednesday, August 9.**

When sick children should stay home

Is your child well enough to go to school today? South Carolina state law prohibits children with some infectious and communicable diseases from attending school (and some require a clearance note to be submitted to school upon return). For more information, please examine the enclosed brochure, updated for 2023-2024, "**Staying Home From School When Your Child Is Sick,**" from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). See their website for more info:
<https://scdhec.gov/health/child-teen-health/school-exclusion>

Immunizations

State law also mandates specific immunizations for children at certain ages, and there are new updated requirements for 2023-2024 (attached). Please check with your child's physician to make sure they are up to date and submit a copy of the current immunization record to USL. **The current immunization certificate is DHEC Form 4024.** Changes for the 23-24 school year:

3rd Grade - two (2) doses of hepatitis A vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 6 months.

8th Grade - one (1) dose of Tdap vaccine on or after the 10th birthday.

9th Grade - two (2) doses of varicella. A child with a positive history of the disease is considered immune and is exempt from this requirement.

11th Grade - three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday

Copies of current immunization records must be kept for each student enrolled at the school. SC DHEC administers the immunization program statewide in both public and private schools. If you have any questions, please contact the DHEC Division of Immunizations at 800-277-4687 or immunize@dhec.sc.gov.

Prescription and Non-Prescription Medication Administration Request

If your child needs medication administration at school, please fully read and complete the appropriate form(s) and submit them to USL.

Your prompt and thorough attention is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jason Kreutner
Head of School