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## **Important change in the Varicella School Immunization Requirement**

Washington State Department of Health has issued new school immunization requirements for Varicella (Chickenpox) as follows:

### **2016-2017 School Year**

Two doses of varicella vaccine will be required for all 9–12<sup>th</sup> graders.  
All students in Kindergarten–12<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have two doses.

### **Resources/Information**

- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department  
Free Children's Immunization Calendar  
[www.tpchd.org/immunizations](http://www.tpchd.org/immunizations)
- Washington State Department of Health  
School Requirements, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016  
[www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/VaccineRequirements](http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/VaccineRequirements)
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department  
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