

Pawtucket School Department **Memo**



To: All new employees
From: Dr. Hans W. Dellith
Date: June 6, 2006
Subject: Tuberculosis Screening & MMR Immunization

Measles, Mumps and Rubella:

The Rhode Island Department of Health has issued new mandates regarding immunizations against infectious diseases. The mandate affecting school personnel will be in effect as of September, 1995. It is as follows:

All school employees born on or after January 1, 1957 must be revaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella. The only exception to this regulation is an employee who received the MMR vaccination after 1968 and can provide evidence of such from a licensed physician.

Tuberculosis Screening:

Prior to employment, each employee must file with the administrative head of the school district, a report from a licensed physician that he/she is free from infectious disease, based on a physical examination including the result of a Mantoux PPD (Tuberculosis screening) test recorded in millimeters, performed not more than six (6) months before the report is filed.

Also, if the current or any previous Mantoux test is positive, then the physician's certification that the disease is not communicable, shall be based on a chest x-ray taken not more than six (6) months prior to the certification and/or evidence of completed prophylactic treatment. The following medical center performs the Mantoux test to state employees free:

Miriam Hospital
Clinical Tuberculosis Services
14 Third Street
Providence, RI 02906