

# NEW HARTFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The New Hartford Central School District is aware of the national discussion regarding childhood immunizations. Within the dialogue here at home, media outlets have reported inaccurate information regarding the number of fully immunized students and those students with immunization exemptions at Ralph Perry Junior High School. The accurate information for this building is **99.5% vaccinated**. District officials are working directly with the New York State Department of Health so that we may ensure accurate health information is consistently reported to our community.

The New Hartford Central School District policy on immunizations and communicable diseases follows New York State guidelines. Those guidelines allow only two exemptions: for medical or religious reasons. A medical exemption must be submitted by a child's physician and also be approved by the district medical director. A religious exemption is only granted when a parent completes a State Education Department request which is approved by a building principal.

If a student is diagnosed with a communicable disease, communication is sent to an exempted child's parents to notify them that their child may need to be excluded from school during the incubation period of the disease to avoid potential complications or illness.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Moretz, District Head Nurse, at 315-624-1235.

Thank you,



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