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Dear GSA Parents and Guardians,

The State of Maine issued a new school immunization requirement for varicella (chickenpox) on September 25, 2021. State law now requires that students in grades kindergarten through 12 have two doses of the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for school entry.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that children should receive the first dose of chickenpox vaccine at 12 through 15 months old and a second dose at 4 through 6 years old. If your child has not had two doses of chickenpox vaccine, they must do ONE of the following:

- Receive two doses of chickenpox vaccine (or one dose if your child has already had one dose),
- Present the school with laboratory evidence demonstrating immunity or reliable documented history of immunity provided by your child's physician or other primary care provider OR,
- Submit a medical exemption from your child's primary care provider.

If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Jaffray, George Stevens Academy School Nurse, at [n.jaffray@georgestevens.org](mailto:n.jaffray@georgestevens.org) or 374-2808.

Sincerely,

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