



Pennsylvania Immunization Requirements

The Pennsylvania Department of Health updated regulations beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

Students will be permitted five days to provide documentation of immunizations.

*If documentation is not submitted within five days of school attendance, students will be excluded from school and subject to truancy proceedings.**

Children in ALL grades (K-12) need the following vaccines:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis - usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given - A 4th dose not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella - usually given as MMR
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) or evidence of immunity

7th Grade ADDITIONAL immunization requirements for entry:**

- 1 dose meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) [if five years have elapsed since last tetanus immunization]

12th Grade ADDITIONAL immunization requirement for entry:**

- An additional second dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) which must be given after age 16

*The only exemptions to the school laws for immunizations are medical reasons, religious beliefs, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

**The vaccines required for entrance, 7th and 12th grade continue to be required in each succeeding school year.