

Pennsylvania Immunization Requirements

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

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis* (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)**
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella***
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically advisable, DT or Td

**A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose

***Usually given as MMR

7th Grade ADDITIONAL immunization requirements for entry: *

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis(Tdap) on the first day of 7th grade
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 7th grade
- **ON THE FIRST DAY OF 7TH GRADE**, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

Additional requirements for 12th Grade: *

- 1 dose of MCV on the first day of 12th grade
- If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12th grade dose
- **ON THE FIRST DAY OF 12TH GRADE**, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

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

Limitations on Provisional Window:

- **ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had at least one dose of the above vaccinations or risk exclusion.
- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is medically appropriate, the child must receive that dose **within the first five days of school** or risk exclusion.
- If the next dose is not the final dose of the series, the child must also provide a medical plan **within the first five days of school** for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is not medically appropriate, the child must provide a medical plan **within the first five days of school** for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- The medical plan must be followed or risk exclusion.

Exemptions:

These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reason, religious belief, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. Even if your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.