

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS GUIDE

Is Your Child Ready for School?

Your child must be up to date with their immunizations in order to attend school in Philadelphia. Check with your doctor to make sure your child has the following immunizations for their grade level.



Immunization Requirements

FOR ATTENDANCE IN ALL GRADES (K – 12)

- ***Diphtheria, Tetanus, & acellular Pertussis (DTap)** 5 doses
- ****Polio (IPV)** 4 doses
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)** 2 doses
- **Hepatitis B (HepB)** 3 doses
- **Varicella (VZV)** 2 doses

FOR ATTENDANCE IN 7TH GRADE

- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, & acellular Pertussis (Tdap)** 1 dose
- **Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4)** 1 dose

FOR ATTENDANCE IN 12TH GRADE

- *****Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4)** 2 doses

*DTap - Fifth dose is not needed if DTaP #4 was given after the 4th birthday

**Polio - Fourth dose is not needed if Polio #3 was given after 4th birthday

***MCV4 - Second dose is not needed if MCV4 #1 was given after 16th birthday

Things to Know



Proof of vaccinations, a medical certificate, or an exemption form must be provided to your student's school no later than the first day of attendance. Exemptions include: medical reasons, religious belief, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. A student who is exempt may not be able to attend school during an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease.



Students who do not have proof of all vaccinations, a medical certificate, or an exemption form will not be able to attend school.



Parents and students should talk to their doctor about vaccines that are important but not required for school, such as the Flu, COVID, HPV and Meningococcal B vaccines.

Don't Wait...Set the Date & Vaccinate!

For more information on vaccine requirements or how to pursue an exemption, contact your school nurse, visit philasd.org/vax or call (215) 400-5VAX. Immunizations are also available at Philadelphia city health centers.