

Important vaccine requirements for attendance in PA schools

For attendance IN ALL GRADES, students need the following vaccinations:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis* (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after the 4th birthday) **
- 2 doses of measles, mumps rubella***
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella vaccine or history of chickenpox disease

*Usually given as DTaP or DTP or DT or Td

** 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was given at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose

***Usually given as MMR

On the first day of 7th grade, students need these additional vaccinations:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

On the first day of 12th grade, students require:

- 2nd dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) - to be given at age 16
(If the first dose is given at 16 years of age or older, only 1 dose is required.)

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

These requirements allow for exemptions due to medical reasons, and philosophical or religious beliefs.

If your child is exempt from immunizations, he/she may be removed from school during an outbreak.