

Immunization FAQ

What immunizations does my child need to attend school?

Required immunizations depend on the age of your child. Please review the immunization requirements by grade level below.

Entering Kindergarten:

- 4 doses of tetanus* (1 dose, age 4);
- 4 doses of diphtheria* (1 dose, age 4);
- 3 doses of polio;
- 2 doses of measles;
- 2 doses of mumps; **
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles); **
- 3 dose of hepatitis B; and
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of disease

*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td

** Usually given as MMR

Entering 7th Grade:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) if five years have passed since last tetanus immunization; and
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

Entering 12th Grade:

- 1 dose of MCV on the first day of 12th grade. If one does was given at 16 years or older that shall count as the twelfth grade dose.

It is very important that your child receive all of the required immunizations prior to the start of school. Children that do not have the doses listed above, need additional doses, and/or the next dose is medically appropriate, the child must receive that does 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. Children failing to show the official documentation or a medical plan within the first five days of school will be unable to attend school.

Where can I go to have my child receive their immunizations?

Please schedule an appointment with your child's pediatrician. They are aware of all required immunizations.

Where can I go to have my child immunized if I do not have health insurance?

Pittsburgh has a wealth of community health centers that will be able to provide your child with their required immunizations. A full list is below.

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Additionally, eligible families can visit the Allegheny County Health Department Immunization Clinic located 425 First Ave., 4th Floor – Downtown - 15219 (entrance is on Cherry Way). ACHD provides walk-in services Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Community Health Centers

Community Health Centers in Pittsburgh Organization	Site Name	Address	Phone	Web Site
East Liberty Family Health Center	East Liberty Office	6023 Harvard Street Pittsburgh, PA 15206	412-661-2808	East Liberty Health Center
East Liberty Family Health Center	Hosanna House Dental	807 Wallace Street Wilksburg, PA 15221	412-345-7730	East Liberty Health Center
East Liberty Family Health Center	Lincoln-Lemington Office	7171 Churchland Street Pittsburgh, PA 15206	412-361-8284	East Liberty Health Center
Metro Family Practice, Inc	Metro Community Health Center	1789 South Braddock Ave. Suite 410 Pittsburgh, PA 15218	412-247-2310	Metro Family Practice
North Side Christian Health Center	North Side Christian Health Center	816 Middle Street Pittsburgh, PA 15212	412-321-4001	North Side Christian Health Center
North Side Christian Health Center	Northview Heights Health Center	525 Pleasant Road Pittsburgh, 15214	412-322-7500	North Side Christian Health Center
Primary Care Health Services	Alma Illery Medical Center	7227 Hamilton Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15208	412-244-4700	Primary Care Health Services
Primary Care Health Services	East End Family Health Center	117 North Negley Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15206	412-404-4000	Primary Care Health Services
Primary Care Health Services	Hazelwood Family Health Center	4918 Second Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15207	412-422-9520	Primary Care Health Services
Primary Care Health Services	Hill House Health Center	1835 Centre Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219	412-261-0937	Primary Care Health Services
Primary Care Health Services	Manchester Health Center	441 South Main Street Pittsburgh, PA 15220	412-922-5636	Primary Care Health Services
Primary Care Health Services	McKeesport Family Health Center	627 Lysle Boulevard McKeesport, PA 15132	412-664-4112	Primary Care Health Services

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Primary Care Health Services	West End Health Center	415 Neptune Street Pittsburgh, PA 15220	412-921-7200	Primary Care Health Services
Primary Care Health Services	Wilkinsburg Family Health Center	807 Wallace Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15221	412-247-5216	Primary Care Health Services
Squirrel Hill Health Center	Squirrel Hill Health Center	4516 Browns Hill Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15217	412-422-7442	Squirrel Hill Health Center
Squirrel Hill Health Center	Squirrel Hill Health Center	103 Towne Square Way Brentwood, PA 15227	412-422-7442	Squirrel Hill Health Center
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	Matilda H. Thiess Health Center	373 Burrows Street Pittsburgh, PA 15213	412-383-1550	Matilda Thiess Health Center

Is there an organization that can assist me in getting health insurance for my child?

If you are interested in getting health insurance for your child, please call the Consumer Health Coalition (CHC) Helpline at 412-456-1877. The CHC experts can assist you with applying for and navigating public health insurance programs, including Medical Assistance, CHIP, and the Affordable Care Act. To reach CHC's Helpline

- Call 412-456-1877, or
- Visit GetEnrolledPGH.com to submit your contact information directly to CHC.

Help is also available in Spanish. Call 412-456-1877 x20.