



New Immunization Requirements

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Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the following changes have been made to the immunization requirements:

- Reduced the 8 month provisional period to 5 days.
- Requires acknowledgement of the pertussis component of DTaP.
- Clarifies 4 doses of polio
- Added a dose of MCV for 12th grade entry.
- Created a medical plan and medical certificate.
- Reporting period is now December 1-31.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GRADES:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis.
 - One dose must be given on or after the 4th birthday.
 - Usually noted as DTP, Dtap, DT, or Td.
- 4 doses of polio.
 - Fourth dose must be given on or after the 4th birthday AND at least 6 months after the dose previously given.
 - The fourth dose won't be needed if the third dose was given at age 4 or older AND at least 6 months after previously given dose.
- 2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella.
 - Usually noted as MMR.
- 3 doses of hepatitis B.
- 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox).
 - Not needed if the child has already had the disease.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 7TH GRADE:

The following vaccines must be given prior to the first day of 7th grade or risk exclusion:

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

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 12TH GRADE:

The following vaccines must be given prior to the first day of 12th grade, or risk exclusion:

- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV).
 - If a dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that dose should count as the dose needed for entry into the 12th grade.

EXCEPTIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN:

- In order to enroll for kindergarten, the student should have AT LEAST one of each of the required immunizations for entry.
- The medical plan should be submitted to the nurse within the first 5 days of school or risk exclusion.
- The plan will be reviewed by the nurse to ensure compliance.
- Documentation of the immunization should be presented to the school nurse the day immediately following the immunization.
- If documentation is not submitted, the student is considered non-compliant and risks exclusion.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Religious Exemptions
 - Documentation should be provided by a religious leader
- Medical Exemptions
 - Documentation by a physician
- Ethical Exemptions
 - Parental statement
- Homeless Students
 - Are not excluded from receiving immunizations, but won't be excluded from school for not providing documentation.
- Students in Foster Care
 - 30 days to provide documentation
- Students transferring into the District
 - 30 days to provide documentation.

MONITORING OF IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE:

- It will be the school nurse's responsibility to review immunizations every 30 days.
- The school nurse will keep the Social Worker and the Principal informed about immunization compliance.
- It's not the nurse's responsibility to exclude students who are non-compliant.
- If the medical plan is not followed, the administrator of the school should begin exclusion measures until requirements are met.

HOW OUR PARENTS HAVE BEEN INFORMED:

- Notification from school nurses at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
- Information was sent to all families of students entering kindergarten, 7th and 12th grades.
- Messages through the media (television and newspaper interviews).
- Ronald McDonald Care Mobile
 - Camp Carmalt- July 19th
 - Camp King- July 12th
 - Camp Uprep- July 10th
- Ronald McDonald Care Mobile scheduled for Back-to-School event at Langley on August 21st.
- PPS Website

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE (per ACHD):

- Summary Offenses
 - Usually first offenses
 - Sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine no less than \$30, but no more than \$300.
 - Imprisonment of no less than 10 days and no more than 30 days.
- Misdemeanors
 - Usually second and subsequent offenses.
 - Sentenced to pay a fine of no less than \$500, but no more than \$1,000.
 - Imprisonment of not exceeding 1 year or both.
- Separate Offenses
 - Violations on separate days shall be considered separate offenses.
 - Fines can be imposed per day, per student.

RESOURCES:

<http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol47/47-9/377.html>

www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov

www.cdc.gov/vaccinations/acip

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