

Louisiana School Immunization Entry Requirements Guide for the Grades K-12, 2021-2022 School Year



Students must meet immunization requirements as stated in Louisiana law to legally attend school. To meet entry requirements, a record with evidence that children are up-to-date on their immunizations (shots) or a valid immunization exemption must be provided and kept on file at the school by school officials. Parents need to present your child’s immunization record or a valid immunization exemption to the school at the time of registration to enroll your child. The immunization record must show the date (month, day, and year) your child was given each required vaccination.

Louisiana School Immunization Entry Requirements, by Grade ¹		
Grades	Required Vaccinations	Doses Required
Starting at Kindergarten ² entry and for entry into <u>all subsequent grades</u> thereafter	Diphtheria Tetanus Acellular Pertussis vaccine (DTaP) ³	5
	Poliovirus vaccine (IPV) ⁴	4
	Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine (MMR)	2
	Hepatitis B vaccine (HepB)	3
	Varicella vaccine (VAR)	2
Starting at 6th grade entry and for entry into <u>all subsequent grades</u> thereafter; or starting with any student 11 years of age in any grade	Tetanus Diphtheria Acellular Pertussis vaccine (Tdap)	1
	Meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY)	1
Starting at 11th grade entry and for entry into <u>all subsequent grades</u> thereafter; or a starting with any student 16 years of age in any grade	Meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY)	Second dose

¹ Requirements are in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 17:170 and Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 51, Section I-701.

² Entry requirement exception for students who are four years of age when entering kindergarten at start of school year: To attend kindergarten in Louisiana, students must be five years old by September 30 each school year. Therefore, there are instances where a student is still four years old when entering kindergarten. In these instances, the four-year-old student may be admitted into kindergarten so long as a parent/guardian presents a record indicating that the student is in progress of receiving the required vaccinations. In these instances, follow-up from school staff must be provided for compliance with the above requirements.

³ Those students who received their fourth dose of DTaP at age four or older do not need a fifth dose on record.

⁴ Those students who received their third dose of IPV at age 4 or older do not need a fourth dose on record.

Note: Students can participate in school without the required immunizations listed above if either of the following are presented: 1) a written statement from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons; or 2) written dissent from the parent/guardian.