

# Kindergarten Immunizations

Immunization is the single most important way parents can protect their children against serious diseases.

- ☑ Help keep your child healthy and in school.
- ☑ Help protect the health of your community!



[www.health.mo.gov/immunizations](http://www.health.mo.gov/immunizations) or contact your local public health agency

## Vaccines Required for Children Enrolling in Kindergarten in any Missouri School

### **Dtap (4+ doses)** (last dose on or after the 4th birthday)

Protects against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.

- *Diphtheria* - a throat infection that can lead to breathing problems, paralysis and death.
- *Tetanus* - causes severe tightening of muscles, which can limit swallowing and breathing.
- *Pertussis* - (whooping cough) a contagious disease that causes violent coughing and makes it hard to breathe.

### **IPV (3+ doses)** (last dose on or after the 4th birthday)

Protects against poliovirus. Can lead to paralysis and death.

### **MMR (2 doses)**

Protects against measles, mumps and rubella.

- *Measles* - causes high fever and a rash; can lead to serious complications.
- *Mumps* - causes fever, headache and swelling under the jaw.
- *Rubella* - causes fever, rash and soreness or swelling of the joints.

### **Hepatitis B (3+ doses)**

Protects against Hepatitis B virus that can cause liver disease, including cancer.

### **Varicella (2 doses)**

Protects against chicken pox that can cause fever and an itchy rash. Can lead to skin infection, scars and pneumonia.

## Other Recommended Vaccines

### **Hepatitis A (2 doses)**

Protects against Hepatitis A virus that can cause fever, nausea and jaundice.

### **Influenza (1 dose annually)**

Protects against flu that causes fever, tiredness, cough and runny nose. Can lead to pneumonia.

## Vaccines for Children

Children may be eligible to receive free vaccines through the Vaccines for Children program before their 19th birthday.

Contact the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services or your local public health agency to find out if your child is eligible.