

## **Minimum Health Requirements Prior to School Entry (Form MCH)\***

*By law in the State of Virginia, any child may be prevented from entering school if a physical examination and/or immunizations are not complete.*

1. **Health History:** *Part I of MCH\** Completed by parent/guardian. Can be done in Power School: *ACPS Reg 9 - Medical*
2. **Immunizations:** *Part II of MCH\** Immunizations do not have to be recorded on page 2 **if** they are recorded on another form with the name of the vaccine and the date it was administered. Immunization record must be signed by doctor, RN or health department official. Minimum requirements are listed below.
3. **Physical Examination:** *Part III of MCH\** Form completed no more than 12 months prior to entry into elementary school. May accept physical examination from a doctor or nurse practitioner on form other than VA (MCH) if the *scope* of the exam is the same as the VA required one. Per VDOE, scope of out-of-state physical exams means it must include at a minimum: 1) the visit was a well child visit 2) a review of systems occurred 3) areas of concern and any medically necessary restrictions are noted and 4) signature of healthcare provider and date of exam.

Immunization	Minimum number required
<b>DTaP, DTP, DT or Tdap</b>	4 w/ 1 dose on or after 4th birthday > 7 years need only 3 doses if 1 <sup>st</sup> dose $\geq$ 12 months (1 can be Tdap)
<b>Tdap Booster</b>	1 dose required prior to entry into 7 <sup>th</sup> (or 8 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> grade) (Only 1 dose necessary)
<b>Polio (OPV or IPV)</b>	3 w/ 1 dose on or after 4th birthday (only 3 doses if 3 <sup>rd</sup> on/after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose)
<b>Hepatitis A (HAV)</b>	Effective July 1, 2021, 2 doses w/ first dose at age 12 months or older, minimal interval 6 months between doses
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	3 with at least 4 months spacing between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses
<b>Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine</b>	Effective July 1, 2021, a complete series of 2 doses w/ first dose before entering 7th grade. After reviewing educational materials approved by the Board of Health, the parent or guardian, at their sole discretion, may elect for the child not to receive the HPV vaccine.
<b>Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**</b>	2 MMRs or 2 each Measles and Mumps and 1 Rubella First dose on or after first birthday Second MMR may be administered at pre-K physical.
<b>Varicella (chicken pox)**</b>	2, none required if history of disease
<b>Meningitis MenACWY</b>	Effective July 1, 2021, 2 doses. The first dose prior to entering 7th grade and the final dose prior to entering 12th grade. <b>In SY 2022, a dose is required for 8<sup>th</sup> grade if not given prior to 7<sup>th</sup>, etc.</b> If first dose < age <b>16</b> , second dose required prior to entering 12th grade If first $\geq$ 16, second dose not required

\* MCH is the Commonwealth of Virginia School Health Entrance Form; current version is [MCH-213 G](#)

\*\* First dose must be on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday

Exemptions to above requirements:

1. Family objects to immunizations and/or physical exam for religious reasons – must have [VA form](#)
2. Family is homeless.
3. Student is medically exempt from immunizations – must have signature from physician stating reason for medical exemption and what time, if any, the exemption will be removed.
4. Student has had at least 1 of shot of each series and the minimum interval between shots has not been reached. Family must present a schedule for completion of all required series (catch-up).

Newly required vaccines with age progression:

- Hepatitis A: Became required SY 2021-2022, required for all those in K and 1 2022-2023, K,1, and 2 for SY 2023 – 2024 etc.
- Tdap: Required for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> (now through 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Meningitis (MenACWY): Required prior to 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> as of SY 2021-2022, Grades 7 and 8 for SY 2022-2023, Grades 7, 8 and 9 SY 2023- 2024 etc.