DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT | Health Services

Immunization Requirements
2021-2022

Students enrolling in the Dallas Independent School District for the first time must provide evidence of required immunizations. Official records from a physician or health clinic, which provide documentation of current immunizations, are required. All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. See notes at end for other provisions or exceptions.

1. **Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis/Tetanus-Diptheria-acellular-Pertussis containing vaccine:**
   - Students who started the series before age 7 years – Five doses, with one after the fourth birthday, unless the fourth dose was received after the fourth birthday, in which case only four doses are required.
   - Students who started the series after age 7 years – Three doses of diphtheria and tetanus. One of the doses must be Tdap.
   - Students in grade 7 – one dose of Tdap if it has been five years since previous dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.
   - Students in grade 8–12 – one booster dose of Tdap or Td if it has been 10 years since last dose.
2. **Poliomyelitis:** (to age 18 years)
   - Four doses with one dose on or after the fourth birthday.
   - Three doses meet the requirement if the third dose is given on or after the fourth birthday.
3. **Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)*:**
   - One dose on or after the first birthday for students under age 4.
   - Two doses on or after the first birthday beginning in Pre-Kindergarten - twelfth.
   - For students vaccinated prior to 2009, 1 dose of MMR and one dose of measles after first birthday meet the requirement.
4. **Haemophilus Influenza Type B*:** (Students through age 4 years)
   - Three doses with one dose on or after 12 months of age.
   - Two doses meet the requirement if the first dose is given at 12-14 months of age.
   - One dose meets the requirement if given at 15-59 months of age.
5. **Hepatitis B*:**
   - Three doses
6. **Varicella (Chicken Pox) *:**
   - Two doses on or after the first birthday for all students entering Pre- Kindergarten through twelfth grades.
   - History of varicella illness documented by a written statement from the parent/legal guardian, physician or school nurse is acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.
7. **Pneumococcal:** (24 months to 59 months of age)
   - Three doses with one dose on or after 12 months of age.
   - Two doses meet the requirement if both doses are given after 12 months of age.
   - One dose meets the requirement if given on or after 24 months of age.
8. **Hepatitis A*:**
   - Two doses are required for students entering Pre-Kindergarten - twelfth grade with the first dose received on or after the first birthday.
   - Twelfth grade, two doses recommended, but not required.
9. **Meningococcal:** (7^{th} – 12^{th} grade)
   - One dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate is required on or after the student's 11^{th} birthday. If received vaccine at 10 years of age, this satisfies the requirement
   - Booster recommended between ages 16-18 years of age.

* Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella is acceptable in place of vaccine.

Recommended vaccines: (consult your health care provider)
- **HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE:** First dose at 11-12 years of age. Two or three dose series depending on age when first does is given. Vaccine may be given through age 26.
- **INFLUENZA VACCINE:** Annual vaccination for all children 6 months and older without contraindications or precautions.
- **SEROTYPE B MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE:** Two dose series between ages 16-23.

NOTE 1: A 30-day provisional enrollment is available **only** to the following student groups:
- Students transferring from one Texas school to another Texas school.
- Students who are defined as homeless according to the federal McKinney-Vento Act 42 U. S. C. Section 111434a.
- Foster children enrolling in a new school.
- Active duty military dependents enrolling in a new school.

NOTE 2: A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until required dose is administered.

NOTE 3: Exemptions from immunization requirements may be granted on a medical basis or for reasons of conscience. A medical exemption, signed by a physician, is required annually if not otherwise stated by the physician. Exemption for reasons of conscience must be submitted on an affidavit provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Exemption for reason of conscience is granted for two years. Exemptions are not recognized in time of epidemics. Students will need to be immunized or not attend school if an epidemic is declared by the Commissioner of Health.