

Pennsylvania School Immunization Requirements (as of 01/2017)

Children in ALL grades (K-12) need the following immunizations for attendance:

- 4 doses of polio with one dose given *on or after the 4th birthday*
- 4 doses of diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday*
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or history of disease

Grades 7-12 **ADDITIONAL** immunization requirements for entry:

- 2 doses meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
 - First dose given 11-15 years of age; **a second dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12th grade**
 - Only one dose required if 1st dose given after the age of 16
- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on entry **to 7th grade**
1 dose tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) [if five years have elapsed since last tetanus immunization]

*usually given as DTaP or DTP or DT or Td

Immunizations are available without cost or at reduced rates based on income levels. Contact your school nurse for further information. Proof of immunizations must be submitted to the school nurse before students may attend school. If your child's immunizations are not current or are incomplete he/she may be excluded from school until the State regulations have been met. **Proof of immunization, rather than parent recall is required. The immunization histories of all transfer students must be reviewed for completeness and corrective action taken when necessary.**

A test for tuberculosis may be required, at the school Nurse's discretion, for students who are new to the school or who have not had a recent test.

From 28 of PA Code Ch. 23 (School Immunization).

VACCINE SAFETY

- Vaccines are held to the highest standard of safety.
- The United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in history.
- Vaccines are continually monitored for safety and effectiveness.