

New Pennsylvania Immunization Requirements 2017-2018

The Pennsylvania Department of Health recently changed school immunization regulations. School districts are required to implement these changes beginning with the 2017/2018 school year. The Northern York County School District has adjusted its practices to comply with the new regulations.

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Children in ALL grades (KG – 12) need the following immunizations for attendance:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis*
(1 dose on or after 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella**
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

*Usually given as DTaP or DTP or DT or Td

**Usually given as MMR

ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, unless a child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have at least one dose of the above vaccinations or they cannot begin school. If a child is missing medically appropriate next immunizations in a series **they must be received within the first five days of school or risk exclusion.**

Seventh through 12th Grade additional immunization requirements for attendance:

- 2 doses meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
 - o First dose is given at 11-15 years of age; a second dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12th grade
 - o If the dose was given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required
- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

ON THE FIRST DAY OF 7TH GRADE, unless the child has had 1 dose of Tdap and 1 dose of MCV they cannot begin school.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF 12TH GRADE, 1 dose of MCV. If student has 1 dose of MCV given before age 16 **they must receive a second MCV within 5 days of starting school** (only one is needed if it was received after age 16).

*Parents: Please check with your child's pediatrician to make certain that your child has obtained all of the required immunizations before the start of the 2017-18 school year **as school districts are not permitted to admit any student who has not met the above requirements.** Parents may still submit a religious, medical, or philosophical exemption from all immunization requirements.*