

## Updated 2024 child care and 2024–2025 school year immunization requirements

### Overview of updates

Changes to Wisconsin's child care and school-required immunizations will improve protection for children across the state by protecting them against vaccine-preventable illnesses, including meningitis and chickenpox.

### Changes include:

Adding meningococcal (MenACWY-containing) vaccine to the requirements for students **entering 7th grade**, and a booster dose for eligible students **entering 12th grade**.

Parent report of chickenpox disease is no longer acceptable for exemption from the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine requirement. Children must have a diagnosis of chickenpox from a qualified health care provider (M.D., D.O., N.P., or P.A.) to be exempt from this requirement, however *existing exemption options still apply*. At this time, children whose immunization record indicates a history of chickenpox (such as by parent report) are not affected.

### What has not changed?

The updated requirements leave in place the already established list of required vaccinations.

In addition, the existing exemption options are still available.

There is no requirement for seasonal flu vaccination or COVID-19 vaccination. These remain strongly recommended by leading health experts, including DHS, CDC, AAP, ACOG, AAFP, and others.



Look up your child's vaccination status in the [Wisconsin Immunization Registry](#)  
(or call Bayfield County Public Health at 715-373-6109)

## For vaccinations:

**See your provider** Well child visit, sports physical, or nurse-only vaccination

**Local pharmacies** Many carry a selection of vaccines and can bill most insurance for these

**Bayfield County Public Health** For underinsured, uninsured, Medicaid, and BadgerCare free coverage for children (and adults!), make an appointment at 715-373-6109