

## Virginia School Immunization and Physical Requirements:

All New Students, Incoming Freshmen and Rising 12<sup>th</sup> Graders must provide documentation of immunizations.

### School Entry Immunization Requirements:

**Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or Tdap)** – A minimum of 4 properly spaced doses. A child must have at least one dose of DTaP or DTP vaccine on or after the fourth birthday. A booster dose of the Tdap vaccine is required for all children entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) Vaccine** – A minimum of 2 doses of MenACWY vaccine. The first dose should be administered prior to entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The final dose is **MANDATORY** prior to entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Hepatitis B Vaccine** – A complete series of 3 properly spaced doses of hepatitis B vaccine are required for all children. However, the FDA has approved a 2-dose schedule **ONLY** for adolescents 11-15 years of age AND **ONLY when the Merck Brand (RECOMBIVAX HB) Adult Formulation Hepatitis B Vaccine** is used. If the 2-dose schedule is used for adolescents 11-15 years of age it must be clearly documented on the school form.

**Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) Vaccine** – A minimum of 2 measles, 2 mumps, and 1 rubella. (Most children receive 2 doses of each because the vaccine usually administered is the combination vaccine MMR). The first dose must be administered at age 12 months or older. The second dose of vaccine must be administered prior to entering kindergarten but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.

**Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) Vaccine** – This vaccine is required **ONLY** for children up to 60 months of age. A primary series consists of either 2 or 3 doses (depending on the manufacturer). However, the child's current age and not the number of prior doses received govern the number of doses required. Unvaccinated children between the ages of 15 and 60 months are only required to have one dose of vaccine.

**Pneumococcal (PCV) Vaccine** – This vaccine is required **ONLY** for children less than 60 months of age. One to four doses, dependent on age at first dose, of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, are required.

**Polio (IPV) Vaccine** – A minimum of 4 doses of polio vaccine. One dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday.

**Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine** – All children born on and after January 1, 1997, shall be required to have one dose of chickenpox vaccine administered at age 12 months or older. Effective March 3, 2010, a second dose must be administered prior to entering

kindergarten but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.

**Hepatitis A (HAV) Vaccine** – A minimum of 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine. The first dose should be administered after 12 months of age or older.

### **NOT REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY**

**Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine** – This vaccine is not required for school entry but information is provided by the state and the Bishop annually for your review. A complete series of 2 doses of HPV vaccine is for students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The first dose shall be administered before the child enters the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. **After reviewing educational materials approved by the Board of Health, the parent or guardian, at the parent's or guardian's sole discretion, may elect for the child not to receive the HPV vaccine.**

*For further information, please call the Division of Immunization at 1-800-568-1929 (in-state only) or 804-864-8055 or contact your school.*

*Please provide documentation to CHS by **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Karen Loiacono, RN at [nurse@chsvb.org](mailto:nurse@chsvb.org).*