

## Immunization Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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### 1. Why is my student required to be immunized?

**Answer:** According to **IC 20-34-4-2**, children living in Indiana who are enrolled in an accredited school must receive the following required immunizations:

#### Kindergarten – 5th Grade

- **5** DTap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- **4** Polio
- **3** Hepatitis B
- **2** Varicella (Chickenpox)
- **2** MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
- **2** Hepatitis A

#### 6th – 11th Grade (Includes all K-5 immunizations plus:)

- **1** MCV4 (Meningococcal)
- **1** Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis)

#### 12th Grade (Includes all K-11 immunizations plus:)

- **1** Additional MCV4 (Total of 2 doses required)
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### 2. Where can my student receive immunizations?

**Answer:** Immunizations can be obtained at:

- **Your Private Physician:** Schedule an appointment and provide the date to your school nurse.
  - **Tippecanoe County Health Department:** Call **765-423-9221 Ext. 1** to schedule an appointment.
  - **Back-to-School Fairs:** Dates and times will be shared via:
    - Lafayette School Corporation social media pages
    - Flyers in school health offices
    - School emails or newsletters
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### 3. What if my child cannot get all required immunizations at one appointment? Can they still attend school?

**Answer:** Yes. Some immunizations require multiple doses that must be spaced apart. As long as your child receives **at least one dose** and has a **scheduled appointment** for the next dose, they may attend school.

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#### **4. Can my child get an exemption from immunizations?**

**Answer:** Yes. Exemptions are available for medical or religious reasons.

- **Medical Exemption:** Requires a **Vaccine Medical Exemption Form** completed and signed by your child's physician. This form must be updated each school year and given to the school nurse.
  - **Religious Exemption:** Requires a **Religious Immunization Exemption Form** completed and signed by a parent/guardian. This form must be updated and submitted **each school year**.
  - **Forms can be obtained from the school nurse.**
  - **McKinney Vento students are not required to show proof of immunizations to attend school.**
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#### **5. I already signed a religious exemption form. Why am I being asked to complete it again?**

**Answer:** Indiana law requires that a new religious exemption form be signed and submitted **each school year**.

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#### **6. I do not have insurance and cannot afford immunizations. What should I do?**

**Answer:** Contact the **Tippecanoe County Health Department at 765-423-9221 Ext. 1**. They may be able to provide low-cost or free immunizations for qualifying families.

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