

## DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES



### 2026-2027 Immunization Requirements Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, Rising 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, and New Entrants/Students Grades 8-12<sup>th</sup>.

To keep children in schools healthy, Georgia requires children to be vaccinated against certain diseases. If you are unsure of Georgia's school requirements, now is the time to check with your child's doctor or your [local health department](#). The following is a summary of the requirements:

#### Who Must Comply:

- Rising 7<sup>th</sup>-grade students and Rising 11<sup>th</sup> grade students
- New entrants in grades 8–12 (including students returning after 12+ months)

#### Required Vaccinations:

- **7th Grade & New Entrants (Grades 8–12):**
  - 1 dose **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)
  - 1 dose **Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4)**
- **11th Grade:**
  - **Booster dose of MCV4**, unless first dose was given on/after 16th birthday

#### Documentation:

- Must have a valid **Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231)** on file
- A healthcare provider or local health department must complete the form. The only forms of exemption are a Religious or Medical Exemption

#### Religious and Medical Exemptions:

- In the state of Georgia, if there is a religious objection to the vaccination of a child, a completed **Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization (DPH Form 2208)** is required. The parent or guardian must give the school/facility the notarized Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization (DPH Form 2208).
- The form and information are available at [dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines](https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines)
- **Medical exemption** for a vaccine should be filed when there is a physical disability or condition that contraindicates immunization for that particular vaccine. There must be an annual review of medical exemptions, and certificates must be reissued with or without an indication of exemption.

#### For More Information:

- **GA Department of Public Health:** <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines> | /404-657-2700
- **Fulton County Board of Health:** [fultoncountyboh.com/services/childrens-health/childrens-immunizations](https://fultoncountyboh.com/services/childrens-health/childrens-immunizations) | 404-612-4000
- Additionally, the new Georgia Code § 20-2-778 (2024) requires information to be shared with parents of students regarding meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their respective vaccines. For information on Meningitis, click: Meningitis Fact Sheet below, and for information on Influenza (the flu), click: Influenza Fact Sheet below. This information can also be found on the District Health Services website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/all-departments/academics/district-health-services/district-health-services-home>.
- For more information on Meningitis, click: [Meningitis Fact Sheet English](#)
- For information on Influenza (the flu), click: [Influenza Face Sheet English](#)

For specific questions, please contact your healthcare provider or local health department.

#### Reminder:

Ensuring compliance helps protect your child and the entire school community.