



Health Services

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Rising 7th Grade Students for School Year 2026-27,

In 2020, the Virginia General Assembly passed House Bill 1090 which effectively requires Virginia's immunization recommendations and requirements to coincide with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The legislation became effective July 1, 2021 and amends the Code of Virginia §32.1-46.

Students are required to have the booster dose of the tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine (Tdap) and their first dose of meningococcal conjugate ACWY (MenACWY) before entering 7th grade. The human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) is recommended but not required. A parent has the right to decide if their child receives the HPV vaccine after reviewing information regarding the vaccine. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with their child's healthcare provider. A copy of the vaccine record must be sent to your child's school of attendance. If your child cannot receive immunizations due to medical reasons, you need to provide a letter from their healthcare provider. If you require a religious exemption, you can find the form at the following link: https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2016/04/cre_1.pdf.

You can make an appointment with your child's healthcare provider. The local health department will administer school required vaccines at no charge. The health department requires a copy of your child's immunization record. Roanoke County Health Department information follows:

Roanoke County/Salem Health Department, 105 E. Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153
(540) 387-5530

Roanoke County/Vinton Health Department, 227 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179
(540) 857-7800

If your child does not have a healthcare provider, you can find a Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/vvfc/locatevvfcprovider/>.

Regardless of the chosen location to receive the vaccines, please obtain a documentation and take it to your child's current school.

Contact your child's school nurse with questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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