GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY
Preschool & Grades K-12

REFERENCE

Section 39-4801, Idaho Code; Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (Administrative Code), IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15 "Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children."

INSTRUCTIONS

Post this guide on a wall or desktop as a quick reference to help you determine whether children seeking admission to your school meet Idaho's immunization requirements. If you have any questions, contact the Idaho Immunization Program at iip@dhw.idaho.gov or visit https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/immunization-providers/school-and-child-care-information.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

To enter or transfer into Idaho public or private schools, children in preschool and grades K-12 must meet minimum immunization documentation requirements below before attendance. No child shall attend school without documentation of immunization status.

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY BY GRADE

	Kindergarten[1] - 6th Grade	7th Grade - 11th Grade	12th Grade
Children born after September 1, 1999 through September 1, 2005 must have a minimum of:	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)[2] (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)[2] (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B **(1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)** **(1) Meningococcal (MenACWY)**	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)[2] (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) **(2) Meningococcal (MenACWY)[6]**
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1. Preschool children need only be age-appropriately immunized with the required vaccines.
2. DTaP: The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after previous dose.
3. Polio: The 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after previous dose. For children born after 9/1/2005, at least one dose of polio should be given at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
4. Hepatitis B: The use of combination vaccines may result in an extra (4th) required dose of Hepatitis B.
5. Varicella: History of chickenpox disease documented by a physician or licensed health care professional meets the requirement.
6. Children should have one dose of meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine before the 7th grade. A second dose of MenACWY is required prior to admission into the 12th grade. However, if a child received their first MenACWY vaccine at age 16 years or older, no additional MenACWY doses are needed for 12th grade admission.

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EXEMPTIONS

Idaho law 39-4802 allows a parent or guardian to claim an exemption from immunization requirements for their child for medical, or religious/other reasons. A medical exemption requires the signature of a licensed physician and certification that the child has a medical condition which prevents him or her from receiving required immunizations. It is recommended that exemptions for religious or other reasons be documented on the form provided for school facility use by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Immunization Program and available at healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/immunization-providers/school-and-child-care-information. Parents or guardians may also claim a school immunization exemption by providing a signed written statement to the school operator. School facilities should maintain an up-to-date list of children with exemptions so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.

CONDITIONAL ATTENDANCE

The Schedule of Intended Immunizations Form, or one similar, is required to document the intended immunization schedule of a child who has not received all required immunizations for school entry. To be eligible for conditional admission, a child must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine and currently be on schedule for subsequent immunizations. Failure to receive still-needed doses of required vaccines as indicated on the Schedule of Intended Immunizations Form can result in exclusion of the child from school until the child's record is back on schedule.

DOCUMENTATION

Parents and guardians of a child in preschool and grades K-12 must present documentation of immunization status to school officials at the time of registration and before attendance for a child entering or transferring into preschool and grades K-12, unless an exemption is claimed.

What is it? A valid immunization record is an electronic medical health record, an immunization registry document, or a written immunization certificate confirmed (signed, stamped, or provided on official letterhead) by a licensed health care professional which states the month, day, and year each immunization a child has received was administered. A record with check marks instead of dates or stating only "up-to-date," "all requirements met," or "series complete" is inadequate and should not be accepted. The record must show that all required vaccine doses have been received and minimum ages and intervals have been met. Laboratory proof of immunity to a disease for which a vaccine is required is valid and meets the requirement for that disease.

What do schools do with it? School staff must carefully review immunization documentation to ensure all requirements have been met and retain a copy of the documentation on file at the school.