

2017-18 School Immunizations Requirements

Pennsylvania Department of
Health

Presentation Objectives

- Review the changes to the regulations
- Provide an overview of the regulatory process
- Identify resources/tools

▶ To Reduce



▶ To Encourage



▶ Basis of Decisions

- Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), an advisory committee of the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

▶ Changes to the Regulations



2017-18 Changes

- Reduce 8-month provisional to five days
- Acknowledge the pertussis component of DTaP
- Clarify 4 doses of polio
- Add a dose of MCV for 12th grade entry
- Create a medical plan/certificate
- Identify reporting period Dec 1-31

All Grades

- ✓ 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis*
(1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- ✓ 4 doses of polio
(4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given) **
- ✓ 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella ***
- ✓ 3 doses of hepatitis B
- ✓ 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

* Usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td

** A 4th dose not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose

*** Usually given as MMR

7th Grade

- ✓ 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on the first day of 7th grade
- ✓ 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 7th grade

Note: If a child gains entrance to school in any succeeding year, the same immunizations are required on the first day.

12th Grade

- ✓ 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 12th grade

If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the twelfth grade dose.

Provisional

- Amendments to the regulations replace the 8-month provisional period for immunizations with a new requirement. Previously, the regulations allowed a child to be provisionally admitted to school even though the child did not have all the required immunizations for entry or continued attendance as set out in § 23.83 (relating to immunization requirements) for 8 months before facing exclusion.

▶ Day 1

A child is required to have any **single dose vaccine** upon school entry, or risk exclusion.

- Tdap (1) 7th grade

▶ Day 1 (continued)

In the case of a **multidose vaccine**, regulations require that the child have **at least one dose** of the vaccine upon school entry or risk exclusion.

- DTaP (4) kindergarten
- Polio (4) kindergarten
- HepB (3) kindergarten
- MMR (2) kindergarten
- Varicella (2) kindergarten
- MCV (2) 7th - 12th grades

Days 1-5

If additional doses are required and are medically appropriate within the first five days of school:

- the child shall have either the final dose during that five-day period; or
- the child shall have the next scheduled dose and shall also provide a medical certificate setting out the schedule for the remaining doses.

Immune Card Front

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ Parent or guardian _____

Telephone _____

Race/ethnicity: White Black Asian or Pacific Islander American Indian or Alaskan Native

Hispanic origin: Yes No

Please circle present grade. K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Other _____

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION

VACCINE Circle appropriate item	Enter month, day, and year when immunization doses listed below were given.				
Diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Td or DT)	1 / /	2 / /	3 / /	4 / /	5 / /
Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap)	1 / /	2 / /	3 / /	4 / /	5 / /
Polio (OPV or IPV)	1 / /	2 / /	3 / /	4 / /	5 / /
Hepatitis B	1 / /	2 / /	3 / /	4 / /	5 / /
Measles - mumps - rubella (MMR)	1 / /	2 / /	or Measles serology Date Titer		
Varicella (vaccine or disease)	1 / /	2 / /	Rubella serology Date Titer		
Meningococcal (MCV)	1 / /	2 / /			
Other	1 / /	2 / /	Mumps disease diagnosed by a physician: Date		



Immunization Card

H502.320 Rev. 03/2017 Page 2



Name _____ Birthdate _____
Address _____ Parent or guardian _____
Telephone _____
Please circle present grade. K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Other _____

STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION TO IMMUNIZATION LAW

MEDICAL EXEMPTION

The physical condition of the above-named child is such that immunization would endanger life or health.

Signed _____ Date _____
(PHYSICIAN)

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

State your reason for requesting this exemption.

PHILOSOPHICAL/STRONG MORAL OR ETHICAL CONVICTION EXEMPTION

State your reason for requesting this exemption.

Signed _____ (Date) _____
(PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

▶ Medical Plan/Certificate

If the child has at least one dose, but needs additional doses, and those **doses are not medically appropriate during the first five days of school**, the child may provide a medical certificate on or before the fifth school day showing the doses are scheduled to be administered.

Medical Plan/ Certificate (continued)

- The medical certificate shall be signed by a physician, certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP) or physician assistant (PA).
- If the child will be receiving the immunizations from the department or a public health department, a public health official may sign the medical certificate.

Medical Plan/ Certificate (continued)

- A child who meets these requirements may continue to attend school even if the child does not have all the required vaccinations, so long as the child complies with the vaccination schedule in the medical plan/certificate.
- School administrators or their designees are required to review that medical plan/certificate every 30 days to ensure that the child is in compliance.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Address _____ Parent or Guardian _____
 Telephone _____

Please circle present grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Other _____

VACCINE Circle appropriate item	Enter month, day and year each immunization will be given DOSES				
Diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP, DTP or DT)	1 / /	2 / /	3 / /	4 / /	5 / /
Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap)	1 / /	2 / /	3 / /	4 / /	5 / /
Polio (OPV or IPV)	1 / /	2 / /	3 / /	4 / /	5 / /
Hepatitis B	1 / /	2 / /	3 / /	4 / /	5 / /
Measles - mumps - rubella (MMR)	1 / /	2 / /	or measles serology Date		Titler
Varicella	1 / /	2 / /	Rubella serology	Date	Titler
Meningococcal (MCV)	1 / /	2 / /			
Other	1 / /	2 / /	Mumps disease diagnosed by a physician: Date		

Attach EHR of vaccines already given.

X _____
Signature (PLEASE CIRCLE - physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, physician assistant, local health department)

Exemptions

Child has the ability to be exempted from the immunization requirements for these reasons:

- ✓ Medical;
- ✓ Religious belief; or
- ✓ Philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction.

Waivers

- ✓ If the child is homeless
- ✓ If the child is unable to locate his records due to a disaster
- ✓ If a child transfers into the school
- ✓ If there is a national vaccine shortage

▶ Regulatory Process



▶ Regulatory Process - Proposed

- Proposed regulatory changes drafted by the Department of Health
- Convened Health Advisory Board for approval
- Sent to Governor's Office (Policy, Budget, OGC) for approval
- Sent to Office of Attorney General for review for form and legality

▶ Regulatory Process - Proposed

- Served on Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) on 3/29/16
- Served on House and Senate Standing Committees for the Department of Health and, as courtesy, for Pennsylvania Department of Education on 3/29/16
- Published in “PA Bulletin” with 30-day public comment period on 4/9/16

Regulatory Process – Proposed (cont)

- Public Comment Period closed on 5/9/16
- Comments from the public reviewed by Department of Health
- Comments sent to Standing Committees for Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Comments sent to IRRC

Regulatory Process -Final Form

- Redrafted proposed as final with changes based on public comment
- Responded to all comments as required by law in the Preamble to Final Form Rulemaking
- Convened Health Advisory Board for approval
- Obtained approval from the Governor's Office (Policy, Budget, OGC)
- Served Final Form Rulemaking on IRRC and Standing Committees on 9/19/16

Regulatory Process - Final Form (cont)

- Final Form Regulations deemed approved by the Standing Committees on 10/19/16
- Final Form Regulations approved by IRRC after a hearing on 10/20/16
- Final Form Regulations approved by the Attorney General in 12/6/16
- Final Form Regulations published in the "PA Bulletin" on 3/4/17

Effective Date

- Final Form Regulations effective on 8/1/17
- Published in March of 2017 to provide at least five months of preparation time for schools, school nurses, parents and the medical community

Comments Received

The Department received close to 300 letters of comment on the proposed rulemaking.

Commentators included:

- Individual school nurses;
- Physicians;
- Chiropractors;
- Parents;
- Grandparents;
- Members of the general public; and
- Vaccine manufacturers.

Interested Groups

Comments also received by the following groups:

- March of Dimes
- Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA)
- Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA)
- Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA)
- Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition (PAIC)
- Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)
- National Meningitis Association (NMA)
- Pennsylvania Coalition for Informed Consent (PACIC)
- Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC)

Tools/Resources



Vaccine Acronyms

Vaccine names

Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis

Tetanus, diphtheria

Polio

Measles, mumps, rubella

Hepatitis B

Varicella

Meningococcal Conjugate

Abbreviations

DTaP (<7 years)/Tdap

DT, Td

IPV

MMR

HepB

Var

MCV

Resources

- www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov
- <http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Immunizations/Pages/2017---2018-School-Immunization-Requirements.aspx#.WMmVLaHD-Un>
- http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Immunizations/Pages/Schedules_Publications_%20and%20Forms.aspx#.WMmVt6HD-Uk
- http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol47/47-9/47_9_rr.pdf
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/pink-chapters.htm>

Nurses Flyer



SCHOOL VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR NURSES

The Department of Health is changing school immunization regulations beginning in August 2017. The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR VACCINATIONS:

- A child must have a single dose vaccine on the first day or risk exclusion.
- In the case of a multidose vaccine, a child must have at least one dose of the vaccine on school entry or risk exclusion.
- If the child has at least one dose and additional doses of a vaccine are necessary and are medically appropriate during the first five days of school, the child must either obtain final dose, or have the next scheduled dose and provide a medical certificate scheduling remaining doses.
- If the child has at least one dose and additional doses of a vaccine are necessary, but are not medically appropriate during the first five days of school, the child may provide a medical certificate on or before the fifth day scheduling the remaining doses.
- A child may still obtain a medical, religious or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction exemption from meeting the immunization requirements.

UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND DESIGNEES:

- Requirement to review medical certificate and child's compliance at least every 30 days.
- Ability to exclude child who does not comply with the dates in the submitted medical certificate.
- Exempting from exclusion a child who is homeless.
- Exempting from exclusion for 30-days a child who is transferring from a school or country outside the commonwealth and cannot provide records.
- Providing limited waiver of vaccine requirements in the event of a disaster impacting ability of children transferring into a school to provide records, or in the event of a nationally recognized vaccine shortage.
- Reporting period due electronically by December 31.

FIND MORE DETAILS ON SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REGULATIONS:
dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov

Parent Flyer



SCHOOL VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Department of Health is changing school immunization regulations beginning in August 2017. The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.



A CHILD MUST HAVE REQUIRED VACCINES OR RISK EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL.

A child must have the required medically appropriate vaccines or a plan to complete those vaccines or risk exclusion from school. A child may still obtain medical, religious or philosophical exemption from meeting the immunization requirements. Talk to your child's pediatrician about the vaccines your child needs to attend school.



NEW VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS:

- combination form for diphtheria and tetanus;
- pertussis vaccination;
- combination form for measles, mumps and rubella; and
- meningococcal conjugate vaccine for entry into 12th grade, or in an ungraded school, in the school year the child turns 18.

For more information on the vaccines your child needs to attend school, visit dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov or talk to your child's pediatrician.

dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov



Parent Flyer Spanish



INFORMACIÓN PARA PADRES SOBRE VACUNACIÓN ESCOLAR

El Departamento de Salud está cambiando las normas de vacunación escolar a partir de agosto de 2017. El objetivo de estas normas es garantizar que los niños que asisten a escuelas en el estado estén protegidos adecuadamente contra potenciales brotes de enfermedades prevenibles con vacunas.



LOS NIÑOS DEBEN TENER LAS VACUNAS OBLIGATORIAS O CORREN EL RIESGO DE SER EXCLUIDOS DE LA ESCUELA.

Los niños deben tener todas las vacunas obligatorias apropiadas desde el punto de vista médico o un plan para completar las vacunas faltantes, o corren el riesgo de ser excluidos de la escuela. Los niños pueden obtener exenciones médicas, religiosas o filosóficas de los requisitos de vacunación. Hable con el pediatra de su hijo sobre las vacunas que su hijo necesita para asistir a la escuela.



NUEVOS REQUISITOS DE VACUNACIÓN:

- combinación contra la difteria y el tétanos;
- vacunación contra la tos ferina;
- combinación contra sarampión, paperas y rubéola y
- vacuna antimeningocócica conjugada para el ingreso a 12º grado o, en escuelas sin grados, al año escolar en el que el niño cumple 18 años.

Para obtener más información acerca de las vacunas que su hijo necesita para asistir a la escuela, visite dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov o hable con el pediatra de su hijo.

dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Rack Card Replaced

Exemptions to the school laws for immunizations are:

- medical reasons;
- religious beliefs; and
- philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction.

If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

VACCINE SAFETY

- Vaccines are held to the highest standard of safety.
- The United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in history.
- Vaccines are continually monitored for safety and effectiveness.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 PA Code Ch.23 (School Immunization).

Contact your health care provider or the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

Vaccine information can be found at:
www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov



Rev. 03/17

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

IMMUNIZE --

Don't Wait. Vaccinate.

Children in **ALL** grades (K-12) need the following **immunizations for attendance**:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis* (1 dose on or after 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella**
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

Seventh through 12th Grade ADDITIONAL immunization requirements for attendance:

- 2 doses meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
 - First dose is given 11-15 years of age; a second dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12th grade.
 - If the dose was given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required.
- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

* Usually given as DTaP or DTP or DT or Td

** Usually given as MMR

School Vaccination Requirements

SCHOOL VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE IN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS

FOR ATTENDANCE IN ALL GRADES CHILDREN NEED THE FOLLOWING:



- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis* (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)**
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella***
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically advisable, DT or Td

** A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose

***Usually given as MMR



ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had at least one dose of the above vaccinations or risk exclusion.

- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is medically appropriate, the child must receive that dose within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. If the next dose is not the final dose of the series, the child must also provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is not medically appropriate, the child must provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- The medical plan must be followed or risk exclusion.

FOR ATTENDANCE IN 7TH GRADE:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on the first day of 7th grade.
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 7th grade.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF 7TH GRADE, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

FOR ATTENDANCE IN 12TH GRADE:

- 1 dose of MCV on the first day of 12th grade. If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the twelfth grade dose.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF 12TH GRADE, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

The vaccines required for entrance, 7th grade and 12th grade continue to be required in each succeeding school year.

These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reason, religious belief, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. Even if your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 Pa.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization). Contact your healthcare provider or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH for more information.



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Resources (continued)

1-877-PA-HEALTH

Division of Immunizations

717-783-5681