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School Children Immunizations



School Immunization Requirements

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Children in ALL grades (K-12) need the following vaccines:

- 4 doses of tetanus*(1 dose on or after 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of diphtheria* (1 dose on or after 4th birthday)
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles**
- 2 doses of mumps**
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles) **
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

*Usually given as DTP or DT or Td

**Usually given as MMR

7th Grade ADDITIONAL immunization requirements for entry:

- 1 dose meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis(Tdap) [if five years have elapsed since last tetanus immunization]

The only exemptions to the school laws for immunizations are:

- medical reasons;
- religious beliefs; or
- [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)

[Download Rack Card](#)

Proof of immunization means a written record showing the dates (month, day, year) your child was immunized.

The only exceptions to the school laws for immunization are medical reasons and religious beliefs. If your child is exempt from immunizations, your child may be removed from school during a disease outbreak.

Keep a record of your child's immunizations. Keep this record in a safe place. Your doctor's office, medical clinic, or hospital may ask for this record. As your children become adults, they may need the record for college, for their job or if they travel out of the country.

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Pre-Teen and Adolescent Web Site](#)

School Immunization Catch-Up (SICU) Program

717-787-5681

- Provides Hepatitis B, MCV4, Tdap and Varicella vaccines for students who are unable to obtain these vaccines through their medical homes.

- a. This form should be utilized in the event of a storage and handling error and when vaccine has expired.
- b. Complete the form and return it via fax number provided below.
- c. Once the form has been received, a label will be requested from McKesson and it will be shipped to the school.
- d. Vaccines that have expired or need to be wasted must be returned to McKesson.
- e. If you keep your original shipping boxes you may utilize them to return the vaccine.

If you have any questions regarding the 2013-2014 school flu initiative please contact the adolescent and adult nursing consultant at 717-787-5681. Information may be submitted either by mail or fax to the information below:

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Room 1026, Health and Welfare Building
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

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