

City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health Division of Disease Control Immunization Program

Philadelphia Immunization Requirements for School Entry (2017/2018)

Vaccines are required on the first day of school

A child must have at least one dose of all vaccinations, or risk exclusion

A child may have a documented medical, religious, or philosophical exemption from these vaccinations Even if exempt, a child may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease

| All grades | Doses | Notes |
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| Tetanus, diptheria, pertussis (DTP/Dtap/DT/Td, or Tdap*) | 4* | 1st dose at/after age 4 |
| Polio (OPV/IPV) | 4 | 4th dose at/after age 4, at least 6 months after previous dose |
| Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR/MMRV) | 2 | At/after age 1 |
| Hepatitis B (HBV) | 3 | |
| Chickenpox (Varicella/MMRV) | 2 | At/after age 1* |
| 6th and 7th grade | Doses | Notes |
| Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) | 1 | At/after age 2 |
| Tetanus, diptheria, pertussis (Tdap) | 1 | At/after age 7 |
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| 12th grade | Doses | Notes |
| Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) | 2 | If 1st dose given at age 16 or older, only 1 dose is needed to enter 12th grade |

^{*} Only 3 doses of Td-containing vaccine are necessary if series is started at or after age 7, and at least one dose is Tdap

If a child doesn't have required doses, they must within the first 5 days of school:

Receive the next dose, if medically appropriate

Have a parent/guardian provide a medical plan if the next dose isn't the final dose of the series Have a parent/guardian provide a medical plan if the next dose is not medically appropriate

Reference: The Pennsylvania Code – Subchapter C. *IMMUNIZATION* §23.81, amended May 28, 2010, effective August 1, 2011, and from the Philadelphia Board of Health *Regulations Governing the Health of Newborns, Children and Adolescents*, published 2009.

^{**} Or documentation of immunity by lab test or written statement from parent, guardian, or physician