



## Immunizations

### Regulations

In accordance with the Allegheny County Health Department, the immunization guidelines for students are listed below. Enrollment requirements include documentation of completed age/grade appropriate immunizations. New students will not be permitted to register without completed immunizations.

#### **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Enrollment of Students**

**24 P.S. §13-1301 – §13-1306** Issued July 1, 2007

School Regulations - Approved by Allegheny County Board of Health, September 5, 2007 and by Allegheny County Council July 1, 2008.

Acceptable documentation includes either:

- The child's immunization record from the Primary Care Provider.
- A written statement from the former school district or from a medical office that the required immunizations have been administered, or that a required series is in progress.

***Immunization Requirements below are reflective of 47 Pa.B. 1300, Amending 28 PA. Code Ch. 23, March 4, 2017:***

- 4 doses Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses Polio (1 dose on or after 4th birthday, and 6 months after previous dose given)
- 2 doses Measles
- 2 doses Mumps
- 1 dose Rubella
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- 2 doses Varicella - \*\*or a written statement from physician/designee indicating month and year of disease or serologic proof of immunity

In addition to the requirements listed above, students in grades 7-12 are required to have the immunizations listed below. Please note that **7th grade students** will not be permitted to start their 7th grade school year without completion of the Tdap and the 1st dose of MCV. **Twelfth grade students** will not be permitted to start their 12th grade school year without completion of the 2nd dose of the MCV.

- 1 dose Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap)
- 2 doses Meningitis vaccine (MCV)

***Documentation of lead testing is required for students entering kindergarten (effective January 1, 2018 - Article XXIII - Allegheny County Health Department). See "Lead Testing" page under Health Services Department for further details.***

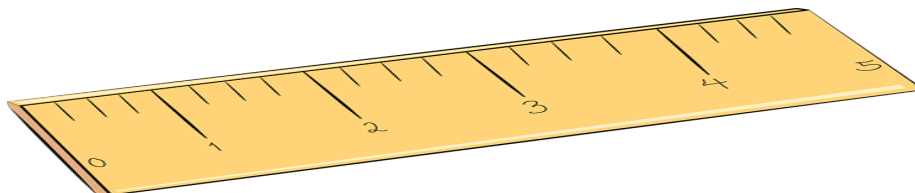
### Exemptions to Immunization Regulations

**Medical exemption** - when the physical condition of the child is such that immunization would endanger life or health (requires physician's signature).

**Religious exemption** – when the parent/guardian adheres to a religious belief whose teachings are

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**PA Law mandates that every child K-12 be immunized on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.**

## Vaccination Requirements

Vaccines	Kindergarten & Grades 1-6	Grades 7-11	Grade 12
<b>Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis</b> (Usually given as DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td) (1 dose on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	<b>4 doses</b>	<b>4 doses</b>	<b>4 doses</b>
<b>Polio</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)	<b>4 doses</b> (A 4 <sup>th</sup> dose is not necessary if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose)	<b>4 doses</b> (A 4 <sup>th</sup> dose is not necessary if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose)	<b>4 doses</b> (A 4 <sup>th</sup> dose is not necessary if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose)
<b>Measles, Mumps, &amp; Rubella</b> (Usually given as MMR)	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>2 doses</b>
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	<b>3 doses</b>	<b>3 doses</b>	<b>3 doses</b>
<b>Varicella (chickenpox)</b>	<b>2 doses</b> or evidence of immunity	<b>2 doses</b> or evidence of immunity	<b>2 doses</b> or evidence of immunity
<b>Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>1 dose</b>
<b>Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>1 dose</b> (First dose is given at 11-15 years of age; a second dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	<b>1 or 2 doses</b> (If 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of MenACWY was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12 <sup>th</sup> grade dose)

For more information on the vaccines your child needs in order to attend school, talk to your healthcare provider, school nurse, or visit [www.montcopa.org/schoolvaccinelaw](http://www.montcopa.org/schoolvaccinelaw)



**Statement of Exemption to Immunization Law**

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Present Grade:

PreK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Sp.Ed.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Exemption(a)**

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

Comments/Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Religious Exemption(b)** (Includes a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief.)

Parent or guardian of the above name child adheres to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to such immunizations OR holds a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief that is opposed to such immunizations.

Comments/Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PA 28§ 23.84. Exemption for immunization.

(a) Medical exemption. Children need not be immunized if a physician or designee provides a written statement that immunization may be detrimental to the health of the child. When the physician determines that immunization is no longer detrimental to the health of the child, the child shall be immunized according to this subchapter.

(b) Religious exemption. Children need not be immunized if the parent, guardian or emancipated child objects in writing to the immunization on religious grounds or on the basis of a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief.