Pennsylvania School Immunization Requirements

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

Children in **ALL GRADES** (K-12), who started school before 1997 need the following vaccines:
- 3 doses of tetanus*
- 3 doses of diphtheria*
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles**
- 1 dose of mumps**
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles)**

Children **ENTERING SCHOOL** (at K or grade 1), in 2002/2003 need the following vaccines:
- 4 doses of tetanus*
  (1 dose on or after the birthday)
- 4 doses of diphtheria*
  (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles**
- 1 dose of mumps**
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles)**
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of disease

Children **ENTERING 7TH GRADE**, in 2002/2003 need the following vaccines:
- 3 doses of tetanus*
- 3 doses of diphtheria*
- 3 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles**
- 1 dose of mumps**
- 1 dose of rubella (German measles)**
- 3 doses hepatitis B
- Age appropriate dose(s) of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of disease

*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td
**Usually given as MMR

These requirements allow for medical reasons and religious beliefs.

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

**Contact your health care provider or 1-877-PA-HEALTH for more information**

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Physical Examination

A physical examination is required prior to original entry to school. A physical examination is also required for sixth and eleventh grade students. Students entering from out of state, regardless of grade, also need a physical examination. Examinations may be with your family doctor or the CASD school doctor.

Thank you for letting us help with your child’s health care.