

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)
Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically, DT or Td

4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months
after previous dose given) *A forth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered
at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after previous dose.*

2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (*Usually given as MMR*)

3 doses of hepatitis

2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

****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.**

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
seventh grade.

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 12th grade dose.

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF 7TH AND 12TH GRADE, a child must have had the above
vaccines or risk exclusion, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical
exemption.**

*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.*