

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Children in ALL grades (K-12) need the following immunizations for attendance:

- 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) - vaccine or 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 exemption to the school laws for immunizations is

- Medical reasons
- Religious beliefs

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)

Contact your healthcare provider or the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258)

Vaccine information can be found at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines