

Philadelphia Immunization Requirements for School Entry (2018/2019)

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.

If a child doesn't have all required doses of a vaccine, she/he 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.

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

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

** A 4th dose is not necessary if 3rd dose was given at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose

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