

IMMUNIZATIONS

PLEASE NOTE updated state guidelines as of August, 2017:

- A child must have a single dose vaccine on the first day or risk exclusion
- In the case of a multidose vaccine a child must have a least one dose of the vaccine on school entry or risk exclusion
- If the child has at least one dose and additional doses of a vaccine are necessary and are medically appropriate during **the first five days of school, the child must either obtain final dose, or have the next scheduled dose and provide a physician signed medical certificate on or before the fifth day scheduling the remaining doses.**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health recommends the following minimum immunizations:

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

- Four or more doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Acellular Pertussis with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday
- 4 doses of Polio with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday
- 2 doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B (properly spaced)
- 2 doses of Varicella (Chickenpox) or history of disease

Grades 7-12 ADDITIONAL requirements for attendance:

- 2 doses meningococcal conjugate (MCV)
 - First dose given 11-15 years of age; a second dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12th grade
 - If the dose was given at 16 years or age or older, only one dose is required
- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

Immunizations are available without cost or at reduced rates based upon income levels. Contact your school nurse for further information. Immunizations must be completed and **proof of immunization must be submitted to the school nurse** before students may attend school. **If your child's immunizations are not current or are incomplete, he/she may be excluded from school until the State regulations have been met.**

The School District's responsibilities relative to the enforcement of the law will be based on the following criteria:

- A. **PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION**, rather than parent recall, is required.
- B. No child without a valid exemption shall be enrolled into school if **ALL immunizations** are not documented.
- C. The immunization histories of all transfer students must be reviewed for completeness, and corrective action taken when necessary.

TUBERCULOSIS TEST

A TB test *may* be required, at the School Nurse's discretion.