

## PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

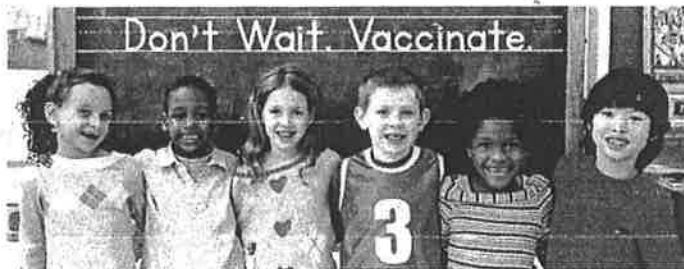
The Department of Health is changing school immunization regulations beginning in August 2017. The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

**Admission for ALL children in ALL Grades (K-12) need the following immunizations for attendance:**

- DTAP** 4 Doses (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis)  
1 dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
- IPV** 4 Doses (polio)  
4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- Hep B** 3 Doses  
3<sup>rd</sup> dose on or after 24 weeks of age
- MMR** 2 Doses (measles, mumps and rubella)
- VAR** 2 Doses (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity (had disease)

**7<sup>TH</sup> through 12<sup>TH</sup> Grade** need additional immunization requirements for attendance:

- MCV** 2 Doses (meningococcal conjugate)  
First dose is given 11-15 years of age; a second dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
If the dose was given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required
- TDAP** 1 Dose (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis)



**A CHILD MUST HAVE REQUIRED VACCINES OR RISK EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL.**

A child must have the required medically-appropriate vaccines or a plan to complete those vaccines or risk exclusion from school. A child may still obtain medical, religious or philosophical exemption from meeting the immunization requirements. Talk to your child's pediatrician about the vaccines your child needs to attend school.

### **Exemptions to the school laws for immunizations are:**

**MEDICAL REASONS • RELIGIOUS BELIEFS • PHILOSOPHICAL/STRONG MORAL OR ETHICAL CONVICTION**

A waiver signed by parent must be documented and kept with student's records.

*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

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

Vaccine information can be found at [www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov](http://www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov)

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