



Philadelphia Immunization Requirements for School Entry (2017/2018)

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 required doses, they 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

Required on the first day of school:

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

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

** A 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was given at age 4 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