

Pennsylvania School Immunization Requirements

Children in **ALL GRADES (K-12)** need the following vaccines:

- 4 doses of tetanus
- 4 doses of diphtheria
- 4 doses of polio
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine or must have had Chickenpox disease

Children **ENTERING 7th GRADE** need the following additional vaccines:

- 1 dose meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
- 1 dose Tdap vaccine

Children **ENTERING 12th GRADE** need the following additional vaccine:

- 2nd dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

The only exemptions to the school laws for immunizations are:

- Medical reasons- written statement from Medical Provider
 - Religious beliefs- objects in writing based on religious beliefs
 - Philosophical/Strong Moral Ethical Conviction- objects in writing based on personal beliefs.
- If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

If you have any questions, please contact the nurse at your school or the Pennsylvania Department of Health (570-278-3889).