

New Immunization Requirements for the 2011-12 School Year

The Kansas State Department of Health and Environment has issued new regulations for immunizations required for the 2011-12 school year. As per Kansas Statute 72-5209, all children upon entry to school must be appropriately vaccinated. Parents may access a copy of their child's current immunizations through Skyward Family Access at www.usd497.org OR by contacting the school nurse.

PARENTS: Please note the following additions and changes in the immunization requirements for the 2011-12 school year:

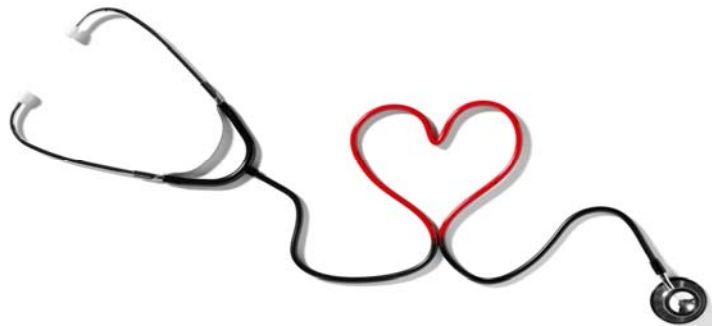
- DTaP:** No changes in requirements
- Tdap:** Booster dose of Tdap is required for grades 7-9, if no previous history of Tdap vaccination. For adolescents older than grade 9, a Tdap booster is required ten years after the completion of the primary series or previous dose. If pertussis is contraindicated, KCI Form B Medical Exemption should be completed by a physician.
- POLIO:** Four doses are required
- MMR:** No changes in requirements
- VARICELLA:
(Chickenpox)** Two doses required for grades K-2 and 7.
One dose required for Grades 3-6 and 8-11
OR documentation of varicella (chickenpox) disease
by a LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.
- HEPATITIS B:** Three doses required for grades K-11.

Access the complete immunization schedule at:

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules

OR

<http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/schedule.htm>.



Immunization Requirements for the 2011 - 2012 School Year

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or a childcare program operated by a school. There are changes in requirements for immunizations for the upcoming school year. Please carefully review the requirements below. The usual number of doses required are listed; however there are exceptional circumstances that could alter the number of doses a child needs. If you have questions about your child's immunization status, contact your child's primary care provider or local health department.



Proof of receiving the immunizations must be provided to the school prior to attending the first day of school.

Early Childhood Program Operated by a School Ages 4 years and Under	
Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	4 doses
IPV (polio)	3 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1 dose
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Hib (haemophilus influenza type B)	3 doses
Prevnar (pneumococcal conjugate)	4 doses

Kindergarten - Grade 2	
Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 3 - 6	
Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose**
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grade 7	
Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap	1 dose***
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 8 - 9	
Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap	1 dose***
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose**
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 10 - 11	
Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap	1 dose****
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose**
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grade 12	
Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap	1 dose****
IPV	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses

Additional ACIP Recommended Vaccines NOT REQUIRED for School Entry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenza (flu) vaccine yearly for everyone 6 mos and older • Meningitis Vaccine at age 11 yrs, and booster at age 16 yrs • HPV Vaccine (a three dose series) at age 11 yrs

School Entry Physicals
Any new early childhood program or kindergarten student will need a school entry physical completed by a Kansas physician within 12 months prior to the first day of school.
New students under the age of 9 years who are attending a Kansas school for the first time, also require a physical as described above. Documentation of the physical must be provided to the school prior to attending.

- * Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is not required if child has had chickenpox disease **and** disease is documented by a physician signature. Without physician signature, vaccine is required even if you believe your child has had chickenpox disease.
- ** Although 1 dose of varicella is required for school attendance, 2 doses are recommended by the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices).
- *** All 7th - 9th graders are required to have one dose of Tdap regardless of the interval since the last dose of Td (tetanus/diphtheria). This is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity due to increasing outbreaks.
- **** All 10th - 12th graders are required to have one dose of Tdap if more than 10 years since previous DTaP (pertussis containing vaccine). This is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity due to increasing outbreaks.