

New Immunization Requirements for the 2010-11 School Year

The Ohio Department of Health has recently added additional immunization requirement for students in Ohio schools.

For students entering Kindergarten:

Beginning with the start of the school year next fall, all students entering Kindergarten will be required to have a second dose of the **Varicella** (Chickenpox) Vaccine. A second dose of varicella vaccine provides 99 percent protection against the disease. A student who has had natural chickenpox, and presents a signed statement from the parent, guardian, or physician to that effect, is not required to be immunized.

Also effective for the 2010-11 school year, all Kindergarten students must have their final dose of **Polio** vaccine (IPV) administered on or after the 4th birthday, regardless of the number of previous doses.

For students entering 7th Grade:

The addition of one dose of Tdap (**Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis**) or Td (**Tetanus and Diphtheria**) as a booster to the initial series of required doses. Ohio is urging parents to have their children vaccinated with the Tdap vaccine to protect against pertussis (whooping cough). This severe respiratory illness has nearly doubled in the number of cases in the last two years.

These new Ohio requirements reflect the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. By requiring these immunizations, ODH hopes to minimize the spread of these preventable diseases.

Please contact your child's health care provider to schedule an appointment to receive these immunizations prior to the first day of school. You will be required by the Ohio Department of Health to show proof of immunization no later than the 15th day of the new school year.

For a complete list of immunization requirements for all pre-school and school age children, please refer the chart below.

Immunization Summary for Child Care, Head Start, Pre-School and School Attendance

VACCINES	<i>FALL 2010</i> IMMUNIZATIONS FOR CHILD CARE/HEAD START AND PRE-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	<i>FALL 2010</i> IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
DTaP/DTP/DT Tdap/Td Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT or any combination.	Kindergarten 5 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT, or any combination, if the fourth dose was administered prior to the 4 th birthday Grades 1-12 3-4 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT or Td or any combination. Grade 7 1 dose of Tdap or Td vaccine must be administered prior to entry.
POLIO	3 doses of OPV or IPV or any combination of OPV or IPV.	Kindergarten 4 doses of any combination of OPV or IPV, the final dose must be administered on or after the 4 th birthday regardless of the number of previous doses. Grades 1-12 ** 4 doses if a combination of OPV or IPV was administered. 4 doses of all OPV or all IPV is required if the third dose of either vaccine was administered prior to the 4 th birthday.
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	1 dose of MMR administered on or after the first birthday	K-12 2 doses of MMR. Dose 1 must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after dose 1.
Hib <i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> Type b	3 or 4 doses depending on the vaccine type, the age when the child began the 1 st dose and the last dose must be after 12 months or 1 dose if given on or after 15 months of age	None
HEP B Hepatitis B	3 doses of Hepatitis B	K-11 3 doses of Hepatitis B. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose), must not be administered before age 24 weeks.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	None	Kindergarten 2 doses of varicella vaccine must be administered prior to entry. Grade 1-4 1 dose of varicella vaccine must be administered on or after the first birthday

****Students enrolled in school on or after the 1999-2000 school year should have received a total of four doses of polio vaccine. Students enrolled prior to the 1999-2000 year are required to have a minimum of 3 doses.**

NOTES:

- The 4 day “grace” period applies to all age and interval minimums. If MMR and Varicella have not been given on the same day they must be separated by at least 28 days with no grace period.
- The Hepatitis B, Tdap and Varicella requirements will be progressive.
- Only full doses of vaccine using proper intervals shall be counted as valid doses.
- For additional information please refer to the Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-37 for Child Care, Head Start, Pre-School and the Ohio Revised Code 3313.67 and 3313.671 for School Attendance. These documents list required and recommended immunizations and indicate exemptions to immunizations.
- Please contact the Ohio Department of Health Immunization Program at (800) 282-0546 or (614) 466-4643 with questions or concerns.