

Texas Immunization Requirements - NEW for 2009-2010 School Year

(New additions are underlined below)

The state legislature has added additional immunization requirements for the 2009-2010 school year. Students must present proof of immunization compliance at the time of enrollment according to Texas Administrative Code, Title 25 Health Services, Chapter 97, Subchapter B, Rules 97.61–97.77. These laws may be seen in their entirety at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm>. Students must have these vaccines before they may begin school. Provisional enrollment and exemptions may be discussed with the nurse.

3 and 4 year-olds (Head Start, Early Childhood and Pre-K)

4 doses of DPT/DTaP

3 doses of Polio

1 dose of MMR (must be received on or after the 1st birthday)

3 doses of Hepatitis B

3 doses of HIB (one of which must be given on or after the 1st birthday) **or** 1 dose of HIB after 15 months of age through 4 years

1 dose of Varicella (on or after the 1st birthday) unless child has verification of previous chicken pox disease * see insert box

1 dose of Pneumococcus on or after the 2nd birthday, if series not completed, ** see insert box

2 doses of Hepatitis A (first dose on or after 1st birthday and 2nd dose no sooner than 6 months after the 1st dose)

Kindergarten

5 doses of DPT/DTaP (included one on or after the 4th birthday- unless the 4th dose was on or after the 4th birthday, then 4 doses)

4 doses of Polio (unless 3rd dose was on or after the 4th birthday, then 3 doses) *** see insert box

2 doses of MMR received on or after the 1st birthday and doses are at least 28 days apart

3 doses of Hepatitis B

2 doses of Varicella - unless child has verification of previous chicken pox disease *

2 doses of Hepatitis A (1st dose on or after 1st birthday and 2nd dose no sooner than 6 months after the 1st dose)

First and Second Grade

4 doses of DPT/DTaP (including one on or after the 4th birthday)

4 doses of Polio (unless 3rd dose was on or after the 4th birthday, then 3 doses) ***

2 doses of MMR received on or after the 1st birthday and doses are at least 28 days apart

3 doses of Hepatitis B

1 dose of Varicella - unless child has verification of previous chicken pox disease*

Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades

3 doses of DPT (including one on or after the 4th birthday)

4 doses of Polio (unless 3rd dose was on or after the 4th birthday, then 3 doses) ***

2 doses of MMR received on or after the 1st birthday and doses are at least 28 days apart

3 doses of Hepatitis B

1 dose of Varicella- unless child has verification of previous chicken pox disease *

Seventh Grade

3 doses of DPT/DTaP (including one on or after the 4th birthday)

1 booster of Tdap if it has been at least five years since the last dose of Td.

If 5 years have not passed, the booster is due when 5 years have passed from the last dose

4 doses of Polio (unless 3rd dose was on or after the 4th birthday, then 3 doses) ***

2 doses of MMR received on or after the 1st birthday and doses are at least 28 days apart

3 doses of Hepatitis B

2 doses of Varicella- unless child has verification of previous chicken pox disease *

1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine

Eighth through Twelfth Grades

3 doses of DPT/DTaP (including one on or after the 4th birthday) and one Tdap/Td booster within the last 10 years

4 doses of Polio (unless 3rd dose was on or after the 4th birthday, then 3 doses) ***

2 doses of MMR received on or after the 1st birthday and doses are at least 28 days apart

3 doses of Hepatitis B

1 dose of Varicella-unless child has verification of previous chicken pox disease;* 2 doses required if 1st dose given after age of 13

*Verification can be a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian, stating, "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chicken pox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine."

**Series completed may be accomplished in several ways and is defined by determining at what age the child received the first pneumococcal vaccine, what age the child is now, and how many doses have been given. A complete explanation may be found at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/school/childcare_reqsENG.pdf

***If 4 doses of polio vaccine have been documented **in any combination of IPV and OPV prior to the 4th birthday**, no additional doses are required. Polio vaccine is not required for students 18 years or older.

Exemptions

The law allows (a) physicians to write a statement stating that the vaccine(s) required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the child or any member of the child's household, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. Schools and child-care facilities should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they can be excluded from attending school if an outbreak occurs.

Instructions for the affidavit to be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief can be found at www.ImmunizeTexas.com.

For children needing medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician should be submitted to the school or child-care facility.

Provisional Enrollment

All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered.

Documentation

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable provided a physician or public health personnel have validated it. The month, day, and year that the vaccination was received must be recorded on all school immunization records created or updated after September 1, 1991.