

Immunization Requirements for the 2010 - 2011 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 and Grade 1	
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 2 - 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)	1 dose**
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 8 - 10	
Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap	1 dose****
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose**
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 11 - 12	
Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap	1 dose****
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses

Recommended Immunization
Meningococcal vaccine: One dose of vaccine is recommended at 11 years of age. Older adolescents who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to receive this vaccine. This is not a school requirement.

* 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 graders are required to have one dose of Tdap if it has been more than 2 years since their previous dose of Td (tetanus/diphtheria). This change is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity, due to pertussis outbreaks.

**** All 8th - 12th graders are required to have one dose of Tdap when it is time for a Td booster, usually at 12-15 years of age or 10 years after the previous dose of Td (tetanus/diphtheria). This change is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity, due to increasing outbreaks.

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 the first day of school.