



Preschool & Grades K-12

REFERENCE Section 39-4801, Idaho Code; Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (Administrative Code), IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15 “Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children.”

INSTRUCTIONS Post this guide on a wall or desktop as a quick reference to help you determine whether children seeking admission to your school meet Idaho’s school immunization requirements. If you have any questions, contact the Idaho Immunization Program at 208-334-5931 or visit healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/immunization-providers/school-and-child-care-information.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS To enter or transfer into Idaho public or private schools, children in preschool and grades K-12 must meet minimum immunization documentation requirements below at registration and before attendance. No child shall attend school without documentation of immunization status.

Additional vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices are not included in these minimum requirements. Parents and guardians should check with their child’s medical provider about additional vaccines that may be recommended for their child.

| MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY BY GRADE | | | |
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| | Kindergarten ¹ - 6 th Grade | 7 th Grade - 11 th Grade | 12 th Grade |
| Children born after September 1, 1999 through September 1, 2005 must have a minimum of: | (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) ² (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B | (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) ² (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) (1) Meningococcal (MenACWY) | (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) ² (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) (2) Meningococcal (MenACWY)⁵ |
| Children born after September 1, 2005⁴ must have a minimum of: | (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) ² (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (4) Polio ³ (3) Hepatitis B (2) Varicella (Chickenpox) ⁴ (2) Hepatitis A | (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) ² (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (4) Polio ³ (3) Hepatitis B (2) Varicella (Chickenpox) ⁴ (2) Hepatitis A (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) (1) Meningococcal (MenACWY) | (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) ² (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (4) Polio ³ (3) Hepatitis B (2) Varicella (Chickenpox) ⁴ (2) Hepatitis A (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) (2) Meningococcal (MenACWY)⁵ |

1. Preschool children need only be age-appropriately immunized with the required vaccines.
2. DTaP: The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose.
3. Polio: The 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose. For children born after 9/1/2005, at least one dose of polio should be given at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
4. Varicella: History of chickenpox disease documented by a physician or licensed health care professional meets the requirement.

- Children should have one dose of meningococcal (Men ACWY) vaccine before the 7th grade. A second dose of Men ACWY is required prior to admission into the 12th grade. However, if a child received their first Men ACWY vaccine at age 16 years or older, no additional MenACWY doses are needed for 12th grade admission.

EXEMPTIONS

Idaho law ([39-4802](#)) allows parents and guardians to claim an exemption for their child from immunization requirements for medical, religious, or other reasons. A medical exemption requires the signature of a licensed physician and certification the child has a medical condition which prevents him or her from receiving required vaccinations. Exemptions for religious or other reasons can be documented on the form provided by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare available at healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/immunization-providers/school-and-child-care-information or parents and guardians may claim a non-medical exemption by providing a signed written statement to school officials that includes the vaccines the child is exempted from, the child's name, and the child's date of birth. Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions for use in determining exclusions during an outbreak.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

The Schedule of Intended Immunizations Form is required to document the intended immunization schedule of a child who has not received all required immunizations for school entry. To be eligible for conditional admission, a child must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine and currently be on schedule for subsequent immunizations following the intervals listed below. Failure to receive still-needed doses of required vaccines as indicated on the Schedule of Intended Immunizations Form can result in exclusion of the child from school until the child's record is back on schedule.

ABBREVIATED CATCH-UP IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE¹ (for full version, visit www.immunizeidaho.com)

| Vaccine | Minimum Age for Dose 1 | Minimum Interval Between Doses | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Dose 1 to Dose 2 | Dose 2 to Dose 3 | Dose 3 to Dose 4 | Dose 4 to Dose 5 |
| Hepatitis B | Birth | 4 weeks | 8 weeks ² | | |
| DTaP | 6 wks | 4 weeks | 4 weeks | 6 months | 6 months ³ |
| Polio | 6 wks | 4 weeks | 4 weeks | 6 months ⁴ | |
| Hepatitis A | 12 mo | 6 months | | | |
| MMR | 12 mo | 4 weeks | | | |
| Varicella | 12 mo | 3 months | | | |
| Meningococcal (MenACWY) | 11 yrs | 8 weeks ⁵ | | | |

- To enter the 7th grade, students are required to have one dose of Tdap; because a child must have received at least one dose of the required vaccine to be eligible for conditional admission, Tdap is not included on the Idaho Conditional Admission to School form.
- Hepatitis B: Minimum age for the 3rd dose is 24 weeks **and** at least 16 weeks after first dose.
- DTaP: The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose.
- Polio: The 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose. Four or more doses of IPV can be administered before age 4 years when a combination vaccine containing IPV is used. However, a dose is still recommended at or after age 4 years and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
- Children should have one dose of meningococcal (Men ACWY) vaccine before the 7th grade. A second dose of Men ACWY is required for admission into the 12th grade. However, if a child received their first Men ACWY vaccine at age 16 years or older, no additional MenACWY doses are needed for 12th grade admission.

DOCUMENTATION All children must present a valid immunization record to school officials unless an exemption is claimed.

What is it? A valid immunization record is an electronic medical health record, an immunization registry document, or a written immunization certificate confirmed (signed, stamped, or provided on official letterhead) by a licensed health care professional which states the month, day, and year each immunization a child has received was administered. A record with check marks instead of dates or stating only “up-to-date,” “all requirements met,” or “series complete” is inadequate and should not be accepted. The record must show that all required vaccine doses have been received and minimum ages and intervals have been met. Laboratory proof of immunity to a disease for which a vaccine is required is valid and meets the requirement for that disease. For the varicella vaccine requirement, a statement by a licensed health care professional indicating the child has had chickenpox disease meets the requirement.

Who must present it? Parents and Guardians of a child in preschool and grades K-12 must present documentation of immunization status.

When must it be presented? Documentation of immunization status should be provided at the time of registration and before attendance for a child entering or transferring into preschool and grades K-12.

What do schools do with it? School staff must carefully review immunization documentation to ensure all requirements have been met and retain a copy of the documentation on file at the school.