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School Immunizations

The Department of Health changed school immunization regulations in August 2017. The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

Immunization Guideline Information:

A child MUST have a single dose vaccine on the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL or risk exclusion (There is no window for single dose vaccines).

In the case of a multi dose vaccine, a child MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE DOSE of the vaccine on the first day of school or risk exclusion.

If a child has at least one dose and additional doses of a vaccine are necessary, but are NOT medically appropriate during the first five days of school, the child must provide a medical certificate on or before the fifth day scheduling the remaining doses.

A child *may still* obtain a medical, *religious* or *philosophical/strong moral* or *ethical convictions* exemption for meeting the immunization requirements.

Immunization Requirements:

Entering Kindergarten through Grade 6

- 4- Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (The 4th dose must be on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4- Polio (4th dose must be on or after their 4th birthday)
- 3- Hepatitis B
- 2- Measles, Mumps, Rubella
- 2- Varicella or proof of disease (chickenpox disease *must* have *month* and *year* documented)

Entering Grade 7

As stated above plus:

- 1- Meningococcal vaccine (MCV) Meningitis Group B conjugate
- 1- Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

Entering Grade 12

- 1- Meningococcal vaccine (MCV) (This is the second vaccine of this series but must be given on or after the 16th birthday).