

Attention Parents/Guardians

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS
Children in ALL grades will need the following
in

2023-2024

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis* (One dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)**
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella***
- 3 doses of hepatitis B (3rd dose must be given at 6 months or after)
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or history of the disease

*Usually given as DTP or DtaP or DT or Td

**A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose

***Usually given as MMR

Additional requirements for 7th grade students:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

Additional requirements for 12th grade students:

- 1 dose of MCV (If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12th grade dose)

These requirements allow for exemptions due to medical reasons, religious belief, or philosophical strong moral/ethical conviction. If your child is exempt from immunizations, they may be removed from school during an outbreak.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 PA.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization) or [PA Department of Health Immunization Requirements](#)

Contact your health care provider or 1-877-PA-HEALTH for more information

Below you will find information from federal, state and local agencies on health related topics as well as a link to Abington School District Health Services Information.

[Pennsylvania Department of Health](#)

[Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of School Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#)

[National Institute of Health: Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Information Center,](#)

[US Department of Health and Human Services: Giving Children and Adolescents a Healthy Start Through Nutrition](#)

[President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition](#)

[Abington School District Health Services Information. Resources and Forms](#)