

**Indiana State Department of Health**  
**MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY\***  
**2010-2011**

Grade	Minimum Immunization Requirements
<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT), or any combination of the three are required.</li> <li>• 3 doses of either oral polio (OPV) or inactivated polio (IPV) vaccine in any combination.</li> <li>• 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age).</li> <li>• 1 dose of measles (rubeola) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 1 dose of mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 1 dose of rubella (German measles) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• <b>2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the first birthday and separated by 3 months or physician written documentation of history of chickenpox disease, including month and year of disease.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT) (4 doses are acceptable if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose).</li> <li>• 4 doses of any combination of IPV or OPV. <b>The 4<sup>th</sup> dose must be administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, and at least 6 months after the previous dose.</b> (3 doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, and at least 6 months after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose).</li> <li>• 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be given on or after 24 weeks of age and no earlier than 16 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose).</li> <li>• 2 doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 2 doses of mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 1 dose of rubella (German measles) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• <b>2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the first birthday and separated by 3 months or physician written documentation of history of chickenpox disease, including month and year of disease.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Grade 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT) (4 doses are acceptable if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose).</li> <li>• 4 doses of any combination of IPV or OPV by age 4-6 (3 doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday).</li> <li>• 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age).</li> <li>• 2 doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 2 doses of mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 1 dose of rubella (German measles) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the first birthday <b>or physician written documentation of history of chickenpox disease, including month and year of disease.</b></li> </ul>

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<b>Grades 2-5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT) (4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose).</li> <li>• 4 doses of any combination of IPV or OPV by age 4-6 (3 doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday).</li> <li>• 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age).</li> <li>• 2 doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 2 doses of mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 1 dose of rubella (German measles) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the first birthday <i>or</i> written history of disease. Parental history of chickenpox disease is acceptable proof of immunity. A signed written statement from the parent/guardian indicating month and year of disease is sufficient.</li> </ul>
<b>Grades 6-12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT) (4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose).</li> <li>• 4 doses of any combination of IPV or OPV by age 4-6 (3 doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday).</li> <li>• 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age).</li> <li>• 2 doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 2 doses of mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• 1 doses of rubella (German measles) vaccine on or after the first birthday.</li> <li>• <b>2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the first birthday separated by age-appropriate interval <i>or</i> written history of disease. Parental history of chickenpox disease is acceptable proof of immunity. A signed written statement from the parent/guardian indicating month and year of disease is sufficient.</b></li> <li>• <b>1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given on or after 10 years of age.</b></li> <li>• <b>1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4).</b></li> </ul>

\*For children who have delayed immunizations, please refer to the 2010 CDC “Catch-up Immunization Schedule” to determine adequately immunizing doses. All minimum intervals and ages for each vaccination as specified per 2010 CDC guidelines must be met for a dose to be valid. These guidelines can be found at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm)

**2010-2011 School Year  
Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)  
School Immunization Requirements  
Quick Reference Guide<sup>^</sup>**

	3-5 Year Olds	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>DTaP/DTP/DT/Td*</b>	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Polio**</b>	3	4***	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
<b>Measles</b>	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Mumps</b>	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Rubella</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Hepatitis B~</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Varicella ∞</b>	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Tdap</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>MCV4</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

<sup>^</sup> **Shaded areas represent grades for which immunization reports are required to be submitted to the Indiana State Department of Health.** For children who have delayed immunizations, please refer to the 2010 CDC "Catch-up Immunization Schedule" to determine adequately immunizing doses. All minimum intervals and ages for each vaccination as specified per 2010 CDC guidelines must be met for a dose to be valid. A copy of these guidelines can be found at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/fccs/schedules/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/fccs/schedules/default.htm).

\* Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if 4th dose was administered on or after child's fourth birthday.

\*\* Three doses of polio vaccine are acceptable if 3rd dose was administered on or after child's fourth birthday and the doses are all IPV or all OPV.

\*\*\* The 4th dose of polio vaccine must be administered on or after child's fourth birthday. This applies only to kindergarten for 2010-2011.

~ Two dose alternative adolescent schedule (Recombivax HB given at age 11-15 years x 2 doses) is acceptable if properly documented.

∞ Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade-students. A signed statement from the parent/guardian indicating history of disease, including month and year is required for children in grades 2-12.

For a current list of requirements, please go to [https://chirp.in.gov/chirp\\_files/chirp\\_docs.htm](https://chirp.in.gov/chirp_files/chirp_docs.htm)

**\*\*IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS\*\***

If your child will be entering preschool, kindergarten or Grades 6-12, there are new immunization (vaccinations/shots) requirements for the upcoming school year.

**1. What new immunizations are required?**

Preschool or kindergarten (preschool students include those attending a special education program, childcare, or preschool program within the school):

- Two varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations (not needed if child has documentation of having had chicken pox)

Entering Grades 6 – 12:

- Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis vaccine. (Also called Tdap.)
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine. (Also called MCV4 – Menactra.)
- Two varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations (not needed if child has documentation of having had chicken pox).

These shots are in addition to those previously required.

**2. What happens if my child does not have the required shots by the time school starts?**

If your child is not exempted from getting the shots, your child may attend school for 20 days to allow you time to get the necessary shots. The law says the school cannot allow your child to attend school for more than 20 days without the shots, unless the child is exempted for religious or medical reasons—or if a doctor has provided documentation that your child is scheduled to be vaccinated. (See below for more information on exemptions.)

**3. What should I do if my child has some of the shots, but not all of them?**

If your child is scheduled to obtain the shots, a doctor can provide a statement with a schedule showing when the child will get the remaining shots. You need to provide the doctor's statement to the school. Your child may continue to attend school while getting the shots.

**4. What should I do if I have religious objections to my child receiving the shots?**

You must provide the school a signed, written statement expressing that you object to the required vaccinations based on religious grounds. If you provide this statement to the school, your child may continue to attend school and will be excused from obtaining the required shots.

**5. What if the doctor says my child should not have the shot(s)?**

If your child's doctor says one or more of the required vaccinations could be harmful to your child, the doctor needs to provide a signed, written statement that you must take to your child's school. Your child may continue to attend school and will be excused from obtaining the required shots.

**6. What if I can't afford the shots or I don't have a doctor?**

Contact your local health department and your school nurse for information on where your child can get the required shot(s) at little or no cost.

**7. Where can I get more information?**

Your school nurse has information on these requirements. Information is also available from the Indiana State Department of Health (1-800-701-0704 or [chirp.in.gov/chirp\\_files/chirp\\_docs.htm](http://chirp.in.gov/chirp_files/chirp_docs.htm)).