

Are Your Kids Ready for School?

Minnesota's School Immunization Law

Directions:

- Find the child's age/grade level and read across to the right.
- Look to see whether the child had the number of shots shown by the checkmark(s) under each vaccine.

Note: Each row is meant to be read separately, so don't add up the columns of checkmarks under each vaccine.

Example: A preschooler needs 4 DTaP, then to enter kindergarten he or she needs 1 more DTaP, for a total of 5 (not 9).

	Hep B hepatitis B	DTaP/Td/Tdap diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Polio	MMR measles, mumps, rubella	Hib <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Varicella* (chickenpox)
Preschool (age 3-5)		✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓	At least **** ✓	✓
Kindergarten	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓✓ 5 th shot not needed if 4 th was after age 4	✓✓✓✓ 4 th polio not needed if 3 rd was after age 4	✓✓		✓✓
Age 7 through 6 th grade		At least ✓✓✓	At least ✓✓✓	✓		
7 th through 12 th grade	✓✓✓ 7 th grade only****	At least ✓✓✓ Plus one more shot at age 11-12 years**	At least ✓✓✓	✓✓		✓✓ 7 th grade only

* Varicella shot(s) not required if a child's doctor signs a form saying the child has already had chickenpox disease.

** If a child received a Td at age 7-10 years they do not necessarily need another one at age 11-12. However, they must receive another shot of Td or Tdap 10 years after their last one.

*** An alternate 2-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids from age 11 through 15 years.

**** The Hib requirement is temporarily suspended due to a vaccine shortage

To go to school in Minnesota, students must show they've had these immunizations or file a legal exemption with the school.

Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a healthcare provider or a conscientious objection signed by a parent/guardian and notarized

Other immunizations recommended for school kids, but not required by the School Immunization Law:

- Influenza (flu) – each year for children age 6 months through 18 years – especially those with risk factors like asthma and diabetes
- Meningococcal for age 11-18.
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) for girls age 11-18



Pupil Immunization Record

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY
 () Complete; booster required in _____
 () In process; 8 mos. Expires _____
 () Medical exemption for _____
 () Conscientious objection for _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Student Number _____

Minnesota Statutes Section 121A.15 requires children enrolled in a Minnesota school to be immunized against certain diseases, allowing for specified exceptions. This form is designed to provide the school with information required by the law.

Enter the MONTH, DAY, and YEAR for all vaccines the pupil received. DO NOT USE (✓) or (*).
 Vaccines/doses in shaded boxes are recommended but not required by law.

Type of Vaccine	1st Dose Mo/Day/Yr	2nd Dose Mo/Day/Yr	3rd Dose Mo/Day/Yr	4th Dose Mo/Day/Yr	5th Dose Mo/Day/Yr
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP)					
Diphtheria and Tetanus (DT) – formulation for <7 yrs					
Tetanus and Diphtheria (Td, Tdap) – formulation for >7 yrs					
Polio (IPV, OPV)					
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (minimum age: on or after 1 st birthday)					
Hepatitis B (hep B)*					
Varicella (chickenpox)** (minimum age: on or after 1 st birthday)					
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)***					
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)***					
Meningococcal (MPSV, MCV)					
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)					
Hepatitis A (hep A)					
Rotavirus					

* Hepatitis B is required for kindergarten and 7th grade.
 ** Varicella vaccine or disease history is required for kindergarten and 7th grade.
 *** PCV and Hib vaccines are recommended only for children through age 4 years.
 Note for school personnel: Be sure to initial and date any new information that you add to this form after the parent/guardian submits it. Also, record combination vaccines (e.g., DTaP+Hib, Hib+HBV) in each applicable space.

Indicate immunization status and source of above information by choosing one of the following:

I certify that this student has received all immunizations required by law.

 Signature of parent/guardian or physician/public clinic Date

I certify that this student has received at least one dose of vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (if age-appropriate), polio, hepatitis B (K + 7th), varicella (K + 7th), measles, mumps, and rubella and will complete his/her diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and/or polio vaccine series within the next 8 months. The dates on which the remaining doses are to be given are:

 Signature of physician/public clinic Date

Medical exemption: No student is required to receive an immunization if they have a medical contraindication, history of disease, or laboratory evidence of immunity. For a student to receive a medical exemption, a physician must sign this statement:

I certify the immunization(s) listed below are contraindicated for medical reasons, laboratory evidence of immunity, or that adequate immunity exists due to a history of disease that was either laboratory confirmed, or in the case of varicella, medically diagnosed or adequately described to me by the parent to indicate past varicella infection.

Exempted immunization(s): _____

For varicella disease only: Year of disease _____

 Signature of physician/public clinic Date

Conscientious exemption: No student is required to have an immunization which is contrary to the conscientiously held beliefs of his/her parent or guardian. However, not following vaccine recommendations may endanger the health or life of the student or others they come in contact with. To receive this exemption, a parent or legal guardian must complete and sign the following statement and have it notarized:

I certify by notarization that immunization for my child is contrary to my conscientiously held beliefs. Indicate vaccine(s):

 Signature of parent or legal guardian Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____

 Signature of notary

Additional exemptions

- **Children less than 7 years of age:** The 5th dose of DTaP/DTP/DT (similarly, the 4th dose of polio vaccine) is not necessary if the 4th DTaP/DTP/DT (3rd dose of polio) was administered after the 4th birthday.
- **Children 7 years of age and older:** A history of 3 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap and 3 doses of polio vaccine meets the minimum requirements of the law.
- **Students in grades 7-12:** A Td or Tdap booster at age 11 years or later is not required for students in grades 7-12 whose most recent Td was given after their 7th birthday but before their 11th birthday. Instead, it will be required 10 years after the date of the most recent dose.
- **Students 11-15 years of age:** A 3rd dose of hepatitis B vaccine is not required for those students who provide documentation of the alternative 2-dose schedule.
- **Students 10 years or older:** May receive Tdap to fulfill the Td requirement for students in grades 7-12.
- **Students 18 years of age or older:** Do not need polio vaccine.

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