

Important Immunization Information and Health Requirements for Entry to School

Students Affected: Kindergarten, New Students to NC Public School, 7th Grade and/or Students Age 12

The North Carolina Statutes (G.S. 130-A-152 (a)) require all school children must be up to date with all of their immunizations **prior to the first day of school**. All students entering North Carolina public school for the first time must have a completed Health Assessment prior to the first day of school. Per North Carolina state law your child will be removed from school if this documentation is not received by the 30th calendar day of school. The following immunizations are required:

5 DTP, DtaP, or DT doses (if 4th dose is after 4th birthday, 5th dose is not required)

4 Polio doses (if 3rd dose is after 4th birthday, and 6 months after 2nd dose, 4th dose is not required.)

1-4 Hib doses (series complete if at least 1 dose given on/after 15 months and before 5 years of age; not required after age 5.)

3 Hepatitis B doses (Children born on or after 7/1/94 are required to have 3 doses.)

2 Measles doses (1st dose on/after 12 months of age. 2nd dose at least 28 days later if entered K first time after 7/1/94)

2 Mumps doses (1st dose on/after 12 months of age. 2nd dose required if entered K on/after 7/1/08)

1 Rubella dose (on/after 12 months of age)

1-2 Varicella dose (required if born before 4/1/01, 2nd dose not required if entered K before 7/1/15)

1 Tdap dose (all rising 7th grade students or 12 years of age, whichever comes first)

1 MCV dose (all rising 7th grade students or 12 years of age, whichever comes first)

*If your child is exempt due to religious reasons, send a signed and dated note to that effect for the child's record. If your child is exempt due to medical reasons, send a signed and dated note from the physician stating the reason.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the school with a record of the completed immunizations prior to the first day of school. The documentation must come from a physician's office, health department, or state immunization registry. Please submit this documentation to the school nurse. For more information regarding immunization requirements for entry to school please visit: <http://www.immunize.nc.gov/>

Please contact the school nurse with any questions or concerns at 704-238-8883.