



## PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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April 3, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

New Regulations regarding immunizations will become effective August 1, 2017 and will be implemented for the 2017-2018 school year. Required immunizations listed below must be complete by the first day of school or your child will risk being excluded. PA Department of Health is allowing for a five day provisional status to complete, but we are highly recommending this be done as soon as possible. Exemptions to immunizations such as medical, religious or philosophical reasons will still be accepted as long as it is presented in writing stating your objection.

Effective August 1, 2017, the PA Department of Health will require students in all grades to have the following immunizations for attendance in school:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis \*1 dose must be on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 4 doses of polio \*4<sup>th</sup> dose on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given \*\* 3 doses if third dose is given at 4 years or older
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) or evidence of immunity

On the first day of seventh grade, the following additional immunizations are required:

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

On the first day of 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the following additional immunization is required:

- 1 additional dose of meningococcal conjugate (MCV)
  - If first dose given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose required.

If a student is missing the above mentioned doses, he/she must obtain the next or final dose within the first five days of school beginning in the 2017-2018 school year or risk be excluded from school.

- If the next dose is not the final dose or if it is not medically appropriate to receive the immunizations, a medical plan must be completed and signed by your physician outlining the dates scheduled for immunizations.
  - This medical plan will be reviewed every 30 days and must be followed or your child will risk being excluded from school.

Please see attached memo and call your health care provider or 1-877-PA-HEALTH with any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

William W. Marshall, Superintendent

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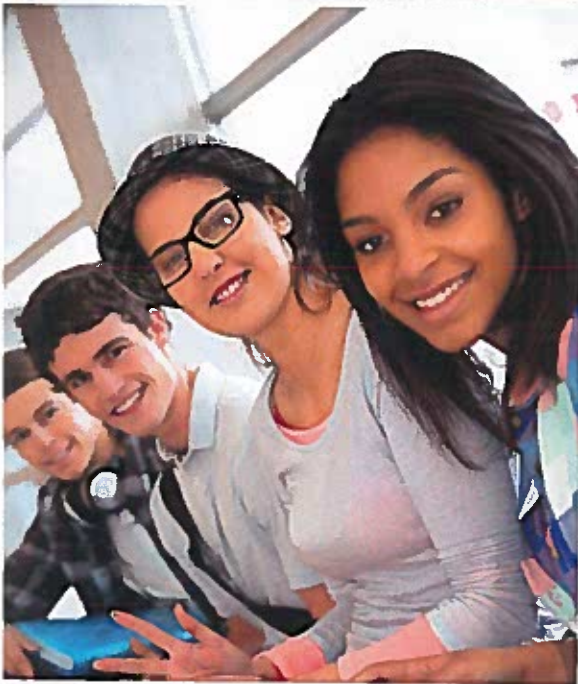
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# SCHOOL VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE IN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS

## FOR ATTENDANCE IN ALL GRADES CHILDREN NEED THE FOLLOWING:



- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis\* (1 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
  - 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity
- \*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically advisable, 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*



**ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had at least one dose of the above vaccinations or risk exclusion.

- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is medically appropriate, the child must receive that dose within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. If the next dose is not the final dose of the series, the child must also provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is not medically appropriate, the child must provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- The medical plan must be followed or risk exclusion.

## FOR ATTENDANCE IN 7TH GRADE:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on the first day of 7th grade.
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 7th grade.

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF 7TH GRADE**, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

## FOR ATTENDANCE IN 12TH GRADE:

- 1 dose of MCV on the first day of 12th grade. If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the twelfth grade dose.

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF 12TH GRADE**, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

The vaccines required for entrance, 7th grade and 12th grade continue to be required in each succeeding school year.

These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reason, religious belief, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. Even if your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 Pa.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization). Contact your healthcare provider or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH for more information.



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