

REVISED GUIDELINE - VOL. 26, NO. 2

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS IN SCHOOL

Principals are to use the following guidelines in addition to those provided in AG 5111.

Minimum Requirements for Entry (Effective beginning school year 2014-2015)

Three (3) to five (5) year old Pre-school children

- A. 3 Hep B (Hepatitis B)
- B. 4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- C. 3 Polio (Inactivated Polio)
- D. 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- E. 1 Varicella (Chickenpox)

Kindergarten

- A. 3 Hep B (Hepatitis B)
- B. 5 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- C. 4 Polio (Inactivated Polio)
- D. 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- E. 2 Varicella (Chickenpox)
- F. 2 Hep A (Hepatitis A)

Grades 1 through 5

- A. 3 Hep B (Hepatitis B)
- B. 5 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- C. 4 Polio (Inactivated Polio)
- D. 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- E. 2 Varicella (Chickenpox)

Grades 6 through 11

- A. 3 Hep B (Hepatitis B)
- B. 5 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- C. 4 Polio (Inactivated Polio)
- D. 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- E. 2 Varicella (Chickenpox)
- F. 1 Tdap (Tetanus and Pertussis)
- G. 1 MCV4 (meningoccal conjugate)

Grade 12

- A. 3 Hep B (Hepatitis B)
- B. 5 DTap (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- C. 4 Polio (Inactivated Polio)
- D. 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- E. 2 Varicella (Chickenpox)

- F. 1 Tdap (Tetanus and Pertussis)
- G. 2 MCV4 (Meningoccal conjugate)

Hep B: The minimum age for the third dose of Hepatitis B is twenty-four (24) weeks of age.

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

Polio: Three (3) doses of polio vaccine are acceptable for all grade levels if third dose was administered on or after child's fourth birthday and at least six (6) months after the previous dose with only one (1) type of vaccine used (all OPV or all IPV).

For students in grades kindergarten through 4, the final dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday, and be administered at least six (6) months after the previous dose.

Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella and LAIV): Live vaccines that are not administered on the same day must be administered a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days apart. The second dose should be repeated if the doses are separated by less than twenty-eight (28) days.

Varicella: Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 6th grade. A signed statement from the parent/guardian indicating history of disease is acceptable for grades 7 through 12.

Tdap: There is no minimum interval from the last Td dose.

MCV4: Individuals who receive dose 1 on or after their sixteenth birthday only need one (1) dose of MCV4.

* For children who have delayed immunizations, please refer to the 2014 CDC "Catch-up Immunization Schedule" to determine adequately immunizing doses. All minimum intervals and ages for each vaccination as specified per 2014 CDC guidelines must be met for a dose to be valid. These guidelines can be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/.

Exemptions

- (x) A written statement from any licensed physician that an immunization is medically contraindicated for a specified period of time and the reasons for the medical contraindications will exempt a student from the specific immunization requirements for the period of time specified in the physician's statement.
- (x) A student shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the parent objects in a written signed statement upon the grounds that the proposed immunization interferes with the free exercise of the student's religious rights.
- (x) The physician's or parent's statement is to be kept by the school as part of the student's immunization record.

Provisional Admission to School

- (x) A student may be admitted to school on a provisional basis if a physician or health department indicates that immunization of the student has been initiated and that the student is in the process of complying with all immunization requirements. A schedule of proposed immunizations must be on record at the school office.
- (+) ~~Such provisional admission shall be for a length of time not to exceed twenty (20) days.~~

Documents Accepted as Evidence of Immunization

- (x) The following documents will be accepted as evidence of a student's immunization history provided they comply with State requirements and contain the date when each immunization was administered:
 - (x) an official school record from any school
 - () ~~a record maintained by the parent~~
 - (x) a certificate or record signed by a licensed physician or clinic
- (x) State law requires documentation for all immunizations by only month and year but it is strongly advised to obtain documentation by month, day, and year in order to be sure that there has been proper spacing between inoculations. If it cannot be determined whether a dose was given at the proper time from the month and year information only, then the dose cannot be counted as part of the required number of doses.

Required Records

- (x) Each school shall maintain a record of immunization for every student which shall include the date of each individual immunization.
- (x) If a student transfers to another school, this record or a copy thereof shall be sent to the new school within twenty (20) days.

Information concerning meningococcal disease shall be provided to students and parents at the beginning of the school year.

Information concerning the link between cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and that an immunization against the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection is available as prescribed by the State Department of Health shall be provided to the parent of each female student who is entering grade 6. Within twenty (20) school days after the first day of school, the parent shall provide a written statement as prescribed by the State Department of Health stating that the parent has received the information required and that:

- A. the student has received or is receiving the immunization;
- B. the parent has decided not to have the student immunized; or
- C. the parent chooses not to provide the information to the school concerning whether the student was immunized.

No student may be prevented from enrolling in, attending, or graduating from school for the sole reason that the student has not provided the written statement regarding the HPV information.

Reports to be Sent to State Board of Health

A report of the immunization status of the students in each school shall be sent each year to the Immunization Department of the State Department of Health by the principal on report forms provided by the State Department. The report is to indicate:

- A. the number of students who have and who have not demonstrated immunity against each disease specified by the Department of Health;
- B. the number of children who have been found positive for sickle cell anemia and lead poisoning;
- C. the number of female students in grade 6 who have or will have and who have not been immunized against HPV infection, and the number of female students in grade 6 whose parents chose not to provide the information concerning the HPV immunization.

The report is to be sent within sixty (60) days on newly-enrolled students or when additional immunizations have been required.

Records Available for Inspection

The principal shall make immunization records available for inspection by authorized representatives of the State Department of Health.

Indiana State Department of Health School Immunization Requirements