

A Quick Guide to Ohio School Immunization Requirements for Parents and Caregivers.



Did you Know?

- Immunizations are an important part of keeping students healthy and in school.
- In Ohio, students attending an elementary or high school for which the director of education and workforce prescribes minimum standards, must be protected or in the process of being protected against ten (10) vaccine-preventable diseases or have an appropriate exemption within 14 days of starting school ([Ohio Revised Code 3313.671](#)).

What Immunizations Do Students Need and Why?

Immunization Needed	Grade	What Disease(s) It Helps Prevent
MMR	Kindergarten through 12th Grade	Measles (high fever, rash), mumps (swollen jaw, fever), rubella (rash, joint pain). These illnesses spread easily.
DTaP	Kindergarten through 12th Grade	Diphtheria (throat infection), tetanus ("lockjaw"), and whooping cough (bad cough that makes it hard to breathe).
Polio	Kindergarten through 12th Grade	Polio (virus that can cause lifelong muscle weakness or paralysis).
Hep B	Kindergarten through 12th Grade	Hepatitis B (virus that harms the liver and can make someone very sick or cause cancer).
Varicella	Kindergarten through 12th Grade	Chickenpox (an itchy rash and fever that can lead to serious infections or pneumonia).
Tdap (booster)	Seventh Grade through 12th Grade	Booster dose for tetanus , diphtheria , and whooping cough to keep older kids protected as immunity wears off.
Meningococcal ACWY	Seventh Grade through 12th Grade	Meningitis (serious infection of the brain and spine that can get worse very quickly).

Concerned About Cost?

- The [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) Program](#) provides vaccines at no cost for eligible families. You can learn more through your [local health department](#) or the [Ohio Department of Health](#).

When Should I Schedule?

- Don't wait until the last-minute scramble! Summer appointments fill up fast. Call your child's doctor or local health department early so your child is ready on the first day of school.

Where can you find your child's immunization records?

- Check with your child's healthcare provider, Ohio's statewide immunization record system ([Impact SIIS](#)), previous schools or childcare centers, or camps or sport programs.
- If you're not sure where to start, contact your child's doctor or [local health department](#) to learn more about how to find your child's immunization records.

Ohio school immunization requirements and exemptions can be found in [Ohio Revised Code \(ORC\) section 3313.67](#) and [3313.671](#).