

Changes to the School Immunization Law

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has made changes to the School Immunization Law which will go into effect August 2017. The new law states that parents/guardians must provide documentation of all or at least one dose of the required immunizations or the student will be excluded. If more doses are needed, a doctor's note stating that a plan to be vaccinated is in place by the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Exemptions for moral, medical, and religious beliefs are still valued and accepted under the new regulations. The AACMS is willing to work with our families to ensure all students are in compliance with the new immunization law.

The following immunizations are required for ALL students:

- 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 and 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

7th Grade required immunizations:

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

FOR MORE DETAILS ON SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REGULATIONS:

<http://www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov>

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