

# Immunization Requirements for the 2009-2010 School Year

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or a preschool or a childcare program operated by a school. **There are many changes in requirements for immunizations for the upcoming school year.** Please carefully review the requirements below and note that your child may fall into more than one of the listed categories. The usual number of doses required are listed; however there are exceptional circumstances that could alter the number of doses a child needs. If you have questions about your child's immunization status, contact your child's primary care provider or local health department. Proof of receiving the immunizations must be provided to the school prior to the first day of school in August.

<b>Preschool/Childcare – Ages 4 years and under</b>	
<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	4 doses
IPV (polio)	3 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1 dose
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
HIB (Haemophilus influenza type B)	3 doses
Pevnar (Pneumococcal conjugate)	4 doses

\*Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine not required if child has had chickenpox disease and disease is documented by physician's signature. Without physician signature, vaccine is required even if you believe your child has had chickenpox disease.

<b>Kindergarten Entry</b>	
<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 dose*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses

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<b>Grade 1 through Grade 9</b>	
<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Varicella	1 dose*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

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<b>11 Year Olds (Birthdates from 9/1/1997 to 8/31/1998)</b>	
<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose**

\*\*This change is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity, due to increasing pertussis outbreaks.

<b>12 Year Olds through High School</b>	
<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose***

\*\*\*When it is time for a Td booster, usually at 12-15 years of age, a Tdap is required instead of a Td. This change is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity, due to increasing pertussis outbreaks.

## School Entry Physicals

Any new preschool or kindergarten student will need a school entry physical completed by a Kansas physician within 12 months prior to the first day of school in August. New students under the age of 9 who are attending a Kansas school for the first time also require a physical as described above. Documentation of this physical must be provided to the school prior to the first day of school in August.

**Advance Notice of Future Changes for the 2010-2011 School Year:** All children kindergarten through grade 12 will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine and 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.