



Preschool & Grades K-12

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REFERENCE Section 39-4801, Idaho Code; Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (Administrative Code), IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15 “Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children.”

INSTRUCTIONS Post this guide on a wall or desktop as a quick reference to help you determine whether children seeking admission to your school meet Idaho’s school immunization requirements. If you have any questions, contact the Idaho Immunization Program or visit www.immunizeidaho.com.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS To enter or transfer into public or private schools, all children in preschool and grades K-12 must meet immunization requirements outlined below at registration and before attendance. No child shall attend school without proof of immunization status.

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY	
Immunization Requirement by Age	Doses of Vaccines Required
Children born on or before September 1, 1999 must have a minimum of:	(4) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) (1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B
Children born after September 1, 1999 through September 1, 2005 must have a minimum of:	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) ² (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B
Children born after September 1, 2005 ¹ must have a minimum of:	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) ² (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (4) Polio ³ (3) Hepatitis B (2) Varicella (Chickenpox) ⁴ (2) Hepatitis A
7 th GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS	
Immunization Requirement by Grade ⁵	Doses of Vaccines Required
Children admitted to 7 th grade must meet the following minimum immunization requirements in addition to school entry requirements:	(1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) (1) Meningococcal

1. Preschool children need only be age-appropriately immunized with the required vaccines.
2. DTaP: The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose.
3. Polio: The 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose. For children born after 9/1/2005, at least one dose of polio should be given at age 4 years or older.
4. Varicella: History of chickenpox disease documented by a physician or licensed health care professional meets the requirement.
5. 7th Grade Requirements: These requirements apply to all 7th- 12th gradestudents.

Meningococcal disease, also known as meningococcus, is an acute, potentially severe illness caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis* which is spread through respiratory droplets. The illnesses caused by the disease include infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord and bloodstream.

While meningococcal disease can be treated with antibiotics, quick medical attention is crucial. The best defense against meningococcal disease is to keep up-to-date with recommended vaccines.

There are two types of meningococcal vaccines. Meningococcal conjugate, or MenACWY, vaccines help protect against serogroups A, C, W-135, and Y. Serogroup B meningococcal, or MenB, vaccines help protect against *N. meningitidis* serogroup B.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends all children 11 to 12 years old receive a dose of MenACWY, with a booster dose at 16 years of age. Additionally, healthy teens and young adults (16 through 23 years of age) may receive MenB vaccine which is also a two-dose series.

Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, 12th grade students are required to be up-to-date on the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. In addition to the required immunizations for Kindergarten, 1st, and 7th grade, students must meet the following immunization requirement prior to 12th grade admission:

- Students who received the initial dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine at the recommended age (11-12 years), or before 16 years of age, must have two (2) valid doses of MenACWY.
- Students who received the initial dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine at 16 years of age and older, or those who have never received a dose, must have one (1) valid dose of MenACWY.

The IIP recommends checking the immunization status of patients 16 through 18 years of age who might not be adequately immunized with MenACWY vaccine and encourages healthcare providers to use Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS), or another recall system, to get adolescents up-to-date.

For instructions on the use of IRIS reminder/recall functionality, please review [Reminder/Recall in IRIS](#). The guidance is located in the [IIP Provider Resource Binder](#) on the [Healthcare Provider](#) page of the [IIP website](#). The IIP will also be conducting a webinar in July to review the *manage patient status* and *reminder/recall* processes in IRIS. Additional details will be communicated early July.

The IIP appreciates everything you are doing to strengthen the health and safety of Idahoans. If you have any questions, then please contact the IIP at IIP@dhw.idaho.gov.