

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Important information from your school nurses

Don't Wait. Vaccinate.

Protect your children and keep them safe from life-threatening childhood diseases.

It's back-to-school time!



For more information about required vaccines for Pennsylvania students, visit www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov.



- **Students not in compliance within 5 days from date of entry into school will be excluded from school.**
- **If a student is not in compliance they must provide a medical certificate from the doctor that designates the schedule/appointment for the remaining vaccines or risk exclusion.**

New Vaccine Guidelines, August 2017:

The Department of Health is updating school immunization regulations. The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

Children in **ALL** grades (K-12) need the following **immunizations for enrollment:**

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis* (1 dose on or after 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

Seventh through twelfth grade requirements:

- 2 doses meningococcal (MCV)
 - First dose is given 11-15 years of age; a second is required at age 16 or entry into 12th grade.
 - If the dose was given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required
- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

*Usually given as DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td

**Usually given as MMR

*** 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

***PARENT REMINDER: Physical and dental exams are required for attendance.**