



## SCHOOL VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Immunization regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

### A CHILD MUST HAVE REQUIRED VACCINES OR RISK BEING EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL.

A child must have the required doses complete, or medically appropriate doses up to date and a plan in place for remaining doses by the fifth day of school, or they are at risk of exclusion. For a single dose vaccine, the child must have this vaccine before the first day of school or the child may be excluded from attending. Talk to your child's pediatrician about the vaccines your child needs to attend school.

- Four doses of DTaP (one dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- Four doses of polio (fourth dose on or after 4th birthday)\*
- Two doses of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- Three doses of hepatitis B
- Two doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity
- Seventh grade - in addition to those above, one dose of Tdap and one dose of MCV4
- 12th grade - in addition to those above, a second dose of MCV4

\*A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 or older, and at least 6 months after the previous dose

**For more information on the vaccines your child needs to attend school visit:**

**<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/School.aspx> or talk to your child's pediatrician.**