

School Required Vaccination Information

Why should I vaccinate my child? Pennsylvania law requires that all students in K-12 schooling must be vaccinated to attend school unless they have an exemption. Children may be excluded from school until they have received the required vaccinations or filed an exemption form with the school. Along with being required for public and charter school attendance, vaccines can help to prevent common illnesses that may harm your child.

What are the required vaccines for K-12 in Pennsylvania?

Vaccine Name	Required Number of Doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis (DTap)	5 Doses
Polio (IPV)	4 Doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	2 Doses
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	3 Doses
Chickenpox (Varicella)	2 Doses

Where can my child get vaccinated?

There are a number of options for your child to get vaccinated regardless of your insurance status.

- Children can receive these vaccines through their **primary care provider**
- The School District of Philadelphia has partnered with **Delaware Valley Community Health Inc.** to provide required vaccinations throughout the month of August to all students regardless of their insurance or documentation status
 - Vaccinations will take place at Maria de los Santos Health Center on August 1st, 15th, and 22nd between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM
 - [Link to register for an appointment](#)
- Vaccines are also offered at **Philadelphia City Health Centers**
 - Call (215) 685-2933 to make an appointment at your local health center

What types of exemptions are available?

- **Medical exemption:** Your child's doctor has determined that immunizations at this time may not be good for the health of your child at this time and determined that an alternative schedule may be needed to receive the required vaccines.
- **Religious or Philosophical exemption:** The parents or guardian's of a student will not vaccinate their child due to religious, philosophical, or strong moral beliefs.

What forms do I need to complete for my child?

- Ask your doctor for a Certificate of Immunizations which can be submitted to the school
- If your child needs an exemption for any vaccinations have your doctor fill out the [medical exemption form](#)
- These forms must be submitted by the end of August by one of three methods
 - Email: 5vax@philasd.org
 - Fax: (215) 400-4921
 - Hand Deliver: 440 N Broad St dropbox in the building lobby between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday

What if my child has not yet received all the required doses?

If your child has not received all needed subsequent doses of a vaccine they may receive provisional admission until these doses are obtained. The student must receive the next needed dose within the first 5 days of school and evidence of the received doses must be submitted to the school. If the next dose cannot be received within the first 5 days of school a medical certificate must be submitted with a plan outlined of when your child will receive the required doses.

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

While COVID-19 vaccinations are not required by the School District of Philadelphia they are strongly recommended.