

Exemptions to the school laws for immunizations are:

- medical reasons;
- religious beliefs; and
- philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction.

If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

#### VACCINE SAFETY

- Vaccines are held to the highest standard of safety.
- The United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in history.
- Vaccines are continually monitored for safety and effectiveness.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 PA Code Ch.23 (School Immunization).

Contact your health care provider or the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

Vaccine information can be found at: [www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov](http://www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov)



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## PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

### IMMUNIZE --

Don't Wait. Vaccinate.

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

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis\*  
(1 dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12th Grade **ADDITIONAL** immunization requirements for attendance:

- 2 doses meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
  - First dose is given 11-15 years of age; a second dose 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 or DTP or DT or Td

\*\* Usually given as MMR