



Preschool and School Immunization Requirements

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), the minimum number of doses of required immunizations for children entering pre-kindergarten are:

Requirements for All Children Entering Childcare and Pre-school:

- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Four (4) doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- Three (3) doses of polio vaccine
- One (1) dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- Four (4) doses of Pneumococcal Conjugate
- Four (4) doses of Hib (last dose deferred)
- One (1) dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.

New Requirements for All Children Entering Kindergarten:

- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Five (5) doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- Four (4) doses of polio vaccine
- Two (2) doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- Two (2) doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.

New Requirements for All Children Entering 7th Grade:

- Booster dose Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine, if it has been 5 years or more since the last dose of diphtheria-tetanus containing vaccine.
- Four (4) doses of Polio vaccine
- Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine.
- Two (2) doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.
- One (1) dose of Meningococcal conjugate (Meningitis) vaccine.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT FLU VACCINATION:

An annual Influenza (flu) vaccination is now **RECOMMENDED** for all children 6 months-18 years of age to prevent the spread of flu to others in daycare, preschool and school settings as well as at home and in the community. Influenza vaccine is available from October through April each year. Don't forget to ask your doctor about flu vaccine