



SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2014-2015 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations and the consensus of the Governor's Child Health Advisory Committee Immunization Workgroup.

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or early childhood programs operated by a school. http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KS_Imm_Regs_for_School_and_Childcare.pdf

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** Five doses required. Four doses are acceptable if dose 4 is given on or after the 4th birthday. A single dose of Tdap is required at Grades 7-12 if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of interval since the last Td.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Three are doses acceptable. One dose required after age 4 regardless of the number of previous doses, with a 6 month minimum interval from the previous dose.
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella:** two doses required.
- **Hepatitis B:** three doses required through grade 12.
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** two doses required for grades K-10; one dose required for grades 11-12 unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician. Two doses are *recommended* for all ages.
- **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):** four doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the type of vaccine and the age of the child when doses given.
- **Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV):** four doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses given.
- **Hepatitis A:** two doses required for children less than 5 years of age. The first dose is given at 12 to 18 months of age, with a 6 month interval between the first and second dose.

Detailed school immunization requirements by age group are listed on the 02/2014 version of the Kansas Certificate of Immunization (KCI). http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KCI_Form.pdf

In addition to the immunizations required for school entry listed above, the 2014 ACIP recommendations also include the following for school children:

- **Meningococcal (MCV4):** one dose *recommended* at 11 years with a booster dose at 16 yrs of age; not required for school entry.
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** three doses *recommended* at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.
- **Influenza:** yearly vaccination *recommended* for all ages \geq 6 months of age; not required for school entry.

The Recommended ACIP with minimum intervals can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>. The minimum age and interval must be met for any vaccine dose to be considered valid.

Efforts by schools have been central to the success of public health efforts in eliminating vaccine preventable diseases and protecting their students and families. Thank you for your dedication.