

## STUDENT IMMUNIZATION LAW AGE/GRADE REQUIREMENTS

The following are the minimum required immunizations for each age and grade level according to the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law. These requirements can be waived for health, religious, or personal conviction reasons. Additional immunizations may be recommended for your child depending on his or her age. Please contact your doctor or local health department to determine if your child needs additional immunizations.

**Table 144.03-A**  
**Required Immunizations for the 2021-2022 School Year and the Following School Years**

| Age/Grade                    | Required Immunizations (Number of Doses) |        |         |       |       |         |       |       |          |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| 5 months through 15 months   | 2 DTP/DTaP/DT                            |        | 2 Polio |       |       | 2 Hep B | 2 Hib | 2 PCV |          |
| 16 months through 23 months  | 3 DTP/DTaP/DT                            |        | 2 Polio | 1 MMR |       | 2 Hep B | 3 Hib | 3 PCV |          |
| 2 years through 4 years      | 4 DTP/DTaP/DT                            |        | 3 Polio | 1 MMR | 1 Var | 3 Hep B | 3 Hib | 3 PCV |          |
| Kindergarten through grade 6 | 4 DTP/DTaP/DT                            |        | 4 Polio | 2 MMR | 2 Var | 3 Hep B |       |       |          |
| Grade 7 through grade 11     | 4 DTP/DTaP/DT                            | 1 Tdap | 4 Polio | 2 MMR | 2 Var | 3 Hep B |       |       | 1 Mening |
| Grade 12                     | 4 DTP/DTaP/DT                            | 1 Tdap | 4 Polio | 2 MMR | 2 Var | 3 Hep B |       |       | 2 Mening |

- Requirements did not take effect until February 1, 2023, and the rule was therefore not in effect for the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 school years. The Tdap requirement for grades 7-11 was implemented for the 2023-2024 school year. The Meningococcal (serogroup A,C,W,Y) requirement was implemented for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Schools are not required to verify Hib and PCV vaccines for Pre-K students.
- Children 5 years of age or older who are enrolled in a Pre-K class should be assessed using the immunization requirements for Kindergarten through Grade 5, which would normally correspond to the individual's age.
- D = diphtheria, T = tetanus, P = pertussis vaccine. DTaP/DTP/DT/Td vaccine for all students Pre-K through 12; Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, further doses are not required. **Note:** A dose four days or less before the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday is also acceptable.
- DTaP/DTP/DT vaccine for children entering Kindergarten: Each student must have received one dose after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday (either the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> dose) to be compliant. **Note:** a dose four days or less before the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday is also acceptable.
- Tdap is an adolescent tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis combination vaccine. If a student received a dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine, such as Td, within five years before entering the grade in which Tdap is required, the student is compliant and a dose of Tdap vaccine is not required.
- Polio vaccine for students entering grades Kindergarten through 12; Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, further doses are not required. **Note:** a dose four days or less before the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday is also acceptable.
- Laboratory evidence of immunity to hepatitis B is also acceptable.
- MMR is measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. Laboratory evidence of immunity to all three diseases (measles and mumps and rubella) is also acceptable. **Note:** A dose four days or less before the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday is also acceptable.
- Varicella vaccine is chickenpox vaccine. Students with a reliable history of varicella disease are not required to receive the Varicella vaccine. A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber must document a reliable history of varicella disease by indicating that the student has had varicella and signing the Student Immunization Form (DHS Form 04020L). Students (excluding new enterers and kindergartners) with a parental report of disease prior to May 2024 are considered compliant.
- One dose of Meningococcal vaccine (serogroup A,C,W,Y) is required for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and a booster dose is required for students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students are assessed for this requirement in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade only. Current Wisconsin students in 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade will not be assessed for this requirement until they enter 12<sup>th</sup> grade. A second dose is not required for students who received their first dose of MenACWY at age 16 years or older.

