



# Preschool & Grades K-12

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**REFERENCE** Section 39-4801, Idaho Code; Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (Administrative Code), IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15 “Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children.”

**INSTRUCTIONS** Post this guide on a wall or desktop as a quick reference to help you determine whether children seeking admission to your school meet Idaho’s school immunization requirements. If you have any questions, contact the Idaho Immunization Program or visit [www.immunizeidaho.com](http://www.immunizeidaho.com).

**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS** To enter or transfer into public or private schools, all children in preschool and grades K-12 must meet immunization requirements outlined below at registration and before attendance. No child shall attend school without proof of immunization status.

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY	
Immunization Requirement by Age	Doses of Vaccines Required
Children born on or before September 1, 1999 must have a minimum of:	(4) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) (1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B
Children born after September 1, 1999 through September 1, 2005 must have a minimum of:	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) <sup>2</sup> (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B
Children born after September 1, 2005 <sup>1</sup> must have a minimum of:	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) <sup>2</sup> (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (4) Polio <sup>3</sup> (3) Hepatitis B (2) Varicella (Chickenpox) <sup>4</sup> (2) Hepatitis A
7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS	
Immunization Requirement by Grade <sup>5</sup>	Doses of Vaccines Required
Children admitted to 7 <sup>th</sup> grade must meet the following minimum immunization requirements in addition to school entry requirements:	(1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) (1) Meningococcal

1. Preschool children need only be age-appropriately immunized with the required vaccines.
2. DTaP: The 5<sup>th</sup> dose is not necessary if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose.
3. Polio: The 4<sup>th</sup> dose is not necessary if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose. For children born after 9/1/2005, at least one dose of polio should be given at age 4 years or older.
4. Varicella: History of chickenpox disease documented by a physician or licensed health care professional meets the requirement.
5. 7th Grade Requirements: These requirements apply to all 7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**EXEMPTIONS** Idaho law allows a parent/guardian to claim an exemption from immunization requirements for their child for medical, religious, or other reasons. A medical exemption requires the signature of a licensed physician and certification that the child has a medical condition which prevents him or her from receiving required vaccinations. It is recommended that exemptions for religious or other reasons be documented on the form provided by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Immunization Program and available at [www.immunizeidahoschools.com](http://www.immunizeidahoschools.com). Parents may also claim a school immunization exemption by providing a signed written statement to school officials. Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of pupils with exemptions so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.

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**CONDITIONAL  
ADMISSION**

The Schedule of Intended Immunizations Form is required by IDAPA 16.02.15 to document the intended immunization schedule of a child who has not received all required immunizations for school admission. To be eligible for conditional admission, a child must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine and currently be on schedule for subsequent immunizations following the intervals listed below. Failure to receive still-needed doses of required vaccines as indicated on the Schedule of Intended Immunizations Form will result in exclusion of the child from school until the child is back on schedule with no required vaccine doses due.

**ABBREVIATED CATCH-UP IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE<sup>4</sup>**  
(for full version, visit [www.immunizeidaho.com](http://www.immunizeidaho.com))

Vaccine	Minimum Age for Dose 1	Minimum Interval Between Doses			
		Dose 1 to Dose 2	Dose 2 to Dose 3	Dose 3 to Dose 4	Dose 4 to Dose 5
DTaP	6 wks	4 weeks	4 weeks	6 months	6 months <sup>1</sup>
Polio	6 wks	4 weeks	4 weeks	6 months <sup>2</sup>	
MMR	12 mo	4 weeks			
Hepatitis B	Birth	4 weeks	8 weeks <sup>3</sup>		
Varicella	12 mo	3 months			
Hepatitis A	12 mo	6 months			

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3. Hep B: Minimum age for the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose is 24 weeks **and** at least 16 weeks after first dose.
4. To enter the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, students are required to have one dose of Tdap and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine; because a child must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine to be eligible for conditional admission, Tdap and Meningococcal are not included on the Idaho Conditional Admission to School form.

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**DOCUMENTATION** All children must present a valid immunization record to school officials, unless exempted.

**What is it?** A valid immunization record is an electronic medical health record, an immunization registry document, or a written immunization certificate confirmed (signed, stamped, or provided on official letterhead) by a licensed health care professional which states the month, day, and year of each immunization a child has received. A record with check marks instead of dates or saying only “up-to-date,” “all requirements met,” or “series complete” is inadequate and should not be accepted. The record must show that all required vaccine doses have been received and minimum ages and intervals have been met. Laboratory proof of immunity to a disease for which a vaccine is required is valid and meets the requirement for that disease. For varicella, a statement by a licensed health care professional indicating the child has had chickenpox disease meets the requirement.

**Who must present it?** The parent/guardian of a child in preschool and grades K-12 must present proof of immunization status to the school official.

**When must it be presented?** The parent/guardian must present the proof of immunization status at the time of registration and before attendance for a child entering or transferring into preschool and grades K-12.

**What do schools do with it?** School staff must carefully review the record to ensure that all requirements have been met and retain a hardcopy of the record on file at the school.