

## **Immunization of Students**

Oklahoma State Law requires the immunization against certain diseases of all children attending public schools.

State law requires that parents or guardians of all minor children in grades kindergarten through the twelfth for all public, parochial, or private schools in the state of Oklahoma, to present a certificate of required immunizations upon school entry.

All minor children applying for admission to any Oklahoma school, who have not completed the required immunizations, must be informed of the necessary requirements and complete those requirements before entering school.

It is the duty of school authorities to enforce this law by admitting only those students who have completed all immunizations required. All students must be adequately immunized before enrolling in school. There is no grace period.

Students must meet one of these three criteria before enrolling:

- Have had all vaccinations indicated in the following chart
- In the process of being immunized (must be substantiated by record of proof)
- Certification of exemption (See exemptions below.)

Students will be denied enrollment if these regulations are not met.

### **Immunization Requirements in Oklahoma**

<i>PRE-SCHOOL</i>	<i>KDG - 7th</i>	<i>8th and 9th</i>	<i>10th - 12th</i>
4 DTP/DToP/Td	5 DTP/DToP/Td	5 DTP/DToP/Td	3 DTP/Td
3 Polio	4 Polio	4 Polio	3 Polio
1 MMR	2 MMR	2 MMR	2 MMR
3 Hep B	3 Hep B	2 or 3 Hep B	2 or 3 Hep B
2 Hep A	2 Hep A	2 Hep A	2 Hep A
Varicella	Varicella		

- All measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) and varicella vaccine doses must be administered on or after the child's first birthday, or up to four days before the birthday, to be counted as valid doses.
- If the fourth dose of DTP/DToP is administered on or after the child's fourth birthday, the fifth dose of DTP/DToP is not required.
- Beginning Jan. 1, 2003, fifth doses of DToP must be given on or after the fourth birthday or within four days before the birthday.
- If the third dose of Polio is administered on or after the child's fourth birthday, the fourth dose of Polio is not required.
- Hepatitis A must be administered on or after the child's second birthday or within four days before the birthday.
- Hepatitis B may be administered in a two-dose series to children 11 through 15 years of age. All other age groups will receive the three-dose Hepatitis B series.
- A parented history of a child's having had varicella disease (chickenpox) is acceptable in lieu of varicella vaccine.
- Hib vaccine is not required for students in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.
- Longer-than-recommended time periods between doses of multi-dose vaccines do not diminish the effectiveness of these vaccines. It is not necessary to restart the series of any vaccine due to longer-than-recommended time periods between doses.
- Children may be allowed to attend school if they have received the first dose in the series of any multi-dose vaccine but must complete the series on schedule. These children are considered "in process of receiving" immunizations.
- Pneumococcal vaccination (PCV or PPV) is not required for school attendance.
- Doses administered four days or less before the minimum intervals or ages will be counted as valid doses, applicable to all children, including those already enrolled.

### **Exemptions to the Immunizations Required by Law**

- Medical (A signed statement is required to obtain this exemption, using ODH Form 216A from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child is such that immunization would endanger the life or health of the child.)
- Religious or Other (The parent or guardian must present a signed written statement briefly summarizing his or her objections, to obtain this exemption.)
- Parental Objection (A signed statement, using ODH Form 216A, from a parent or guardian objecting to the required immunizations is required to obtain this exemption. Lost or unobtainable records are not grounds for personal exemptions.)