



SCHOOL VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Department of Health is changing school immunization regulations beginning in August 2017. The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.



A CHILD MUST HAVE REQUIRED VACCINES OR RISK EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL.

A child must have the required medically-appropriate vaccines or a plan to complete those vaccines or risk exclusion from school. A child may still obtain medical, religious or philosophical exemption from meeting the immunization requirements. Talk to your child's pediatrician about the vaccines your child needs to attend school.



NEW VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS:

- combination form for diphtheria and tetanus;
- pertussis vaccination;
- combination form for measles, mumps and rubella; and
- meningococcal conjugate vaccine for entry into 12th grade, or in an ungraded school, in the school year the child turns 18.

For more information on the vaccines your child needs to attend school, visit dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov or talk to your child's pediatrician.

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