

Immunization Requirements for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or a childcare program operated by a school. Below are the requirements for the indicated school year. Please carefully review the requirements. The usual number of doses required are listed; however there are exceptional circumstances that could alter the number of doses a child needs. If you have questions about your child's immunization status, contact your child's primary care provider or local health department.

Proof of receiving the required immunizations must be provided to the school prior to the student attending the first day of school.



Early Childhood Program Operated by a School Ages 4 Years and Under

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	4 doses
IPV (polio)	3 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1 dose
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Hib (haemophilus influenza type B)	4 doses**
Pevnar (pneumococcal conjugate)	4 doses**

KDG and Grade 1 - New Requirement!

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses ***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis A - Effective August 2, 2019	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 2 - 6

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses ***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grade 7 - New Requirement!

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose~
IPV (polio)	4 doses ***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Effective August 2, 2019	
Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, Y)	1 dose

Additional ACIP RECOMMENDED Vaccines Not Required for School Entry

- **Influenza (Flu):** Annual vaccine recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.
- **HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine:**
2 doses recommended at age 11 years
2 doses needed if started at 11-14 years
3 doses needed if started at 15 years or older

Grades 8, 9, 10 and 12

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose~
IPV (polio)	4 doses ***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grade 11 - Effective August 2, 2019

In addition to above vaccines for Grades 8, 9, 10 & 12:

Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, Y)	1 dose
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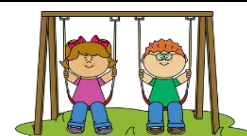
Notes

* Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is not required if child has had chickenpox disease **and** disease is documented by a physician signature. Without physician signature, vaccine is still required even if you believe your child has had chickenpox disease.

**Total doses needed are dependent on vaccine type and age the doses were administered.

***All Students in grades K-8, all new students and students currently completing the polio series must have 6 months between the last 2 doses of polio vaccine, and one dose must be after the 4th birthday.

~All students in grades 7-12 must have one dose of Tdap regardless of the interval since the last dose of DTaP or Td.



KANSAS SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2019-2020 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations. The current recommended and minimum interval immunization schedules may be found on the [CDC webpage](#). The best disease prevention is achieved by adhering to the recommended schedule. However, if a child falls behind, the minimum interval schedule is implemented. To avoid missed opportunities, immunization providers may use a 4-day grace period, in most instances, per age and interval between doses. In such cases, these doses may be counted as valid.

[K.S.A. 72 - 6261](#) - Kansas Statutes Related to School Immunizations Requirements and [K.A.R. 28-1-20](#) defines the immunizations required for school and early childhood program attendance published in the [July 18, 2019 Kansas Register](#).

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP/Tdap):** Five doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The 4th dose may be given as early as 12 months of age, if at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 3. The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older. A single dose of **Tdap** is required at entry to 7th grade.
- **Hepatitis A:** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12 months with a minimum interval of 6 months between the 1st and 2nd dose. (Effective August 2, 2019)
- **Hepatitis B:** Three doses required. Doses should be given at birth, 1-2 months, and 6-18 months. Minimum age for the final dose is 6 months.
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella:** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Minimum age is 12 months and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days.
- **Meningococcal (Serogroup A,C,W,Y):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years) and 11th grade (16-18 years). For children 16-18 years, only one dose is required. (Effective August 2, 2019)
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6-18 months, and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Three doses are acceptable if 3rd dose was given after 4 years of age **and** at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 2.
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** Two doses are required. Doses should be given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The 2nd dose may be administered as early as 3 months after the 1st dose, however, a dose administered after a 4-week interval is considered valid. No doses are required when student has history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician.

Legal alternatives to school vaccination requirements are found in [K.S.A. 72-6262](#).

In addition, to the immunizations required for school entry the following vaccines are recommended to protect students:

- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** Two doses *recommended* at 11 years of age or three doses if the series is started after 15 years.
- **Influenza:** Annual vaccination *recommended* for all ages \geq 6 months of age. Number of doses is dependent on age and number of doses given in previous years.

Vaccination efforts by school and public health officials, immunization providers, and parents are key to the success of protecting our children and communities from vaccine preventable diseases. Thank you for your dedication.