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K - 12th Grade School Required Immunizations - 2017-18 School Year

Dear parents and guardians of students in Colorado kindergarten - 12th-grade schools:

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent. Your student must be vaccinated against:
 - diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis (DTaP, DT, DTP, Tdap)
 - polio (IPV)
 - measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
 - hepatitis B (HepB)
 - varicella (chickenpox)

Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

- Colorado rule requires that students entering kindergarten receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and Varicella. Students must receive 1 dose of Tdap vaccine for 6th-grade entry, even if they are under 11 years of age.
- The number, timing and spacing of the required vaccine doses is set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). You can view parent-friendly versions of the current ACIP vaccine schedules for children 0 - 6 years of age at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf and preteens/teens 7 - 18 years of age at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf.
- Please take your student's updated vaccine record to school every time he or she receives a vaccine.
- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit an official *Immunization Medical Exemption Form* to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You can get the form at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption.
- If you choose not to get your student vaccinated according to the current ACIP schedule for religious or personal belief reasons, you must submit a non-medical exemption to your school. Non-medical exemptions must be submitted every year. You can either submit the state health department's non-medical form (online or paper copy) for inclusion in the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS), provide a paper copy of the CDPHE non-medical exemption form to your student's school, or submit a signed non-medical statement of exemption to your student's school. Such a statement should include the following information: student's full name, age or date of birth, date the exemption was submitted, the vaccines declined, and which type of non-medical exemption is being taken (personal belief or religious). If you choose to include your student's information in CIIS, you may opt your student out of CIIS at any time. Your student's school may ask you to also provide them with a paper copy if you submit online. You can get online and downloadable versions of the form at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption.
- Some parents, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest percentage of vaccinated children. Schools must report vaccination and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department by December 1 every year. Vaccination and exemption rates will be posted on the state health department website beginning in Spring 2017.
- You may want to talk to a healthcare provider licensed to give vaccines or a local public health agency (LPHA) about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at www.ImmunizeForGood.com and www.colorado.gov/cdphe/immunization-education.
- If you need help finding a healthcare provider, or finding free or low-cost vaccines, contact your LPHA, or call the state health department's Family Health Line at 1-303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777. You can find your LPHA at www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/find-your-local-public-health-agency.
- Please share Page 2 of this letter with your student's healthcare provider as it provides helpful information about vaccines required for school entry per Colorado law.

Sincerely,

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Kindergarten through 12th Grade Immunization Chart
Immunizations Required for School Attendance 2017-18

VACCINE	Number of Doses	Grades K-12 (4-18 Years of Age)
	<i>Vaccines must follow MINIMUM INTERVALS & AGES to be valid. A 4 day grace period applies in most situations.</i>	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP or DT) <i>Only licensed through 6 yrs of age.</i>	4 to 5	5 DTaP or DT unless dose 4 given is given on or after the 4 th b-day. Final dose of DTaP or DT must be given no sooner than 4 years of age.
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis <i>For students 7 years of age or older who did not have a full series of DTaP or DT.</i>	3 or 4	3 doses tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccines (DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap) is required. 4 doses required if 1 st dose of DTaP or DT is given before 1 year of age. 1 dose of Tdap is to be given if DTaP series not completed and student is at least 7 yrs of age. Tdap is required at 6th grade entry thru 12th grade.
Polio (IPV) <i>With combination of OPV & IPV, need series of 4 doses</i>	3 to 4	4 IPV unless 3 rd dose is given on or after 4 th birthday. Students who were compliant with 3 or 4 doses (4 weeks minimum intervals between doses) prior to August 7, 2009 have met the requirement.
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) <i>There must be at least a 28 day interval between 2 live vaccines.</i>	2	The 1 st dose is not valid if administered more than 4 days before the 1 st birthday. 2 doses are required for students entering Kindergarten & through 12 th grade.
Varicella (Chickenpox) <i>There must be at least a 28 day interval between 2 live vaccines.</i>	2	The 1 st dose is not valid if administered more than 4 days before the 1 st birthday. 2 doses are required for students entering Kindergarten & through 12 th grade. Note: no vaccine required if there is laboratory documentation of chickenpox disease or a disease screening by a health care provider has been performed.
Hepatitis B <i>Dosing must follow minimum intervals between doses and last dose must be administered at or over 24 wks of age.</i>	3	The 2 nd dose must be administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose. The 3 rd dose must be administered at least 16 weeks after the 1 st dose, at least 8 weeks after the 2 nd dose, and the final dose must be administered no sooner than 24 weeks of age. <i>Note: there is a specific 2-dose series is for ages 11-15 years only using adult vaccine.</i>

RECOMMENDED VACCINES FOR THE BEST PROTECTION AGAINST VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE

VACCINE	Number of Doses	Grades K-12 (4-18 Years of Age) <i>Vaccines administered ≤ 4 days before the minimum age are valid</i>
Influenza (Flu)	1 to 2	2 doses initially if under 9 yrs of age with a minimum interval of 28 days between doses, then 1 dose annually, thereafter. (Recommended for all children 6 months of age and older).
Meningococcal Meningitis		
<u>MenACWY</u> <u>MenB</u>	<u>2 doses</u> <u>Series</u>	<u>Adolescents 11-18 years of age (11-12, 16-18)</u> Adolescents 16-18 years of age
Human Papillomavirus (9vHPV)	2 to 3	Adolescents 11-18 years of age Series initiation age 9-14 - two doses 6-12 mo apart Series initiation 15+ - three doses 0, 1-2 and 6 mo
Hepatitis A (Hep A)	2	All children 1 year of age and older

Immunization requirements will be strictly enforced for all students. Students who do not meet the requirements will be denied attendance according to Colorado Revised Statutes 25-4-902. There are three ways to be in compliance with the school immunization law:

1. Student's immunization record shows they are fully immunized with required vaccines. A laboratory report for some vaccines or diseases showing immunity is also acceptable.
2. For the student who is not up to date on required vaccines, the school will notify the parent/guardian that the student has 14 days to receive the required vaccine(s) or to make an appointment to receive the required vaccine(s). Parents are to provide a written plan for the remaining vaccines following the minimum intervals of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule. If the plan is not followed, the student shall be excluded from school for non-compliance.
3. Submission of a Medical Exemption form signed by a health care provider or a Non-Medical exemption (religious or personal) submitted by a parent/guardian or emancipated student. Go to www.colorado.gov/vaccinexemption