




# North Dakota School Immunization Requirements 2019-2020

# Importance of immunizations in school

- Vaccinations are important to keep children in school safe and healthy.
- Outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases, such as measles, mumps, and pertussis still occur in the United States.
  - Measles in U.S.: 1,203 cases in 2019 (as of 08/15/2019)
  - Pertussis in ND: 51 cases in 2018
- Make sure child is up-to-date on vaccinations to:
  - Protect them against dangerous diseases,
  - Prevent absences,
  - Protect their classmates from diseases, and
  - Keep the whole family healthy.





# Before your child begins school

- Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade requirements:
  - DTaP – 5 doses
  - IPV – 4 doses
  - MMR – 2 doses
  - Hepatitis B – 3 doses
  - Chickenpox – 2 doses
- Additional 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade requirements:
  - Tdap – 1 dose
  - MCV4 – 1 dose for grades 7-10; 2 doses for grades 11-12



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# Required Immunizations



# DTaP & Tdap

- Both Protect against
  - Diphtheria
  - Tetanus
  - Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- DTaP is used for children. Tdap is for adolescents and adults.
- Your child will need 4 or 5 doses of DTaP before starting kindergarten.
  - Your child must have received at least one of these doses after they turn 4.
  - If the fourth doses is given on or after the fourth birthday, your child only needs four doses.
- Your child will need 1 dose of Tdap before starting grades 7-12.

# IPV/OPV

- Protects against Polio
- Children will need 3 or 4 doses of polio vaccine.
  - At least one dose must be given on or after the fourth birthday.
  - If your child receives their 3<sup>rd</sup> dose on their fourth birthday, your child will only need three doses.

# MMR

- Protects against several diseases
  - Measles
  - Mumps
  - Rubella
- Your child needs two doses of MMR before starting kindergarten.
- Two doses are also required to attend colleges and universities in North Dakota.

# Hepatitis B Vaccine

- Protects against hepatitis B virus.
- Your child should have 3 doses before kindergarten.




# Chickenpox (Varicella)

- Varicella vaccine protects against chickenpox.
- Every child entering kindergarten should receive 2 doses of varicella vaccine before school.
  - Children in grades kindergarten through 11<sup>th</sup> grade need two doses.
  - Children in 12<sup>th</sup> grade need one dose.
- If a child has had a reliable history of chickenpox disease, they do not need to receive the chickenpox vaccine and can claim a 'history of disease' exemption. History of disease exemptions require a physician's signature.

# Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4)

- Protects against meningococcal disease.
  - Very serious disease with a high fatality rate.
- Your child needs one dose before entering grades 7-10.
- Your child needs two doses before entering grades 11-12.
- Also required for North Dakota colleges and universities.



Not sure if your  
child is up to  
date?

- Contact your local public health unit, health care provider, or NDDoH immunization program.
- Request a certificate of immunizations from our website:
  - <https://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Public/ImmRecord.aspx>

# Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

- Cost should not be an issue.
- The VFC program provides vaccines for children who are 18 and younger and the following:
  - Uninsured,
  - Underinsured,
  - Medicaid eligible, or
  - American Indian or Alaskan Native.
- If your child is insured, insurance is required to cover vaccines at the first dollar.





# Deadline

- Your child should be up-to-date before entering school.
- Your child must receive the required vaccinations by October 1st. If enrolling after October 1<sup>st</sup>, your child must receive the required vaccinations within 30 calendar days of enrollment.
- If your child is not up-to-date, your child will be excluded from school.
- Your child will not be able to return until they have started to receive the required vaccinations or have other documentation.



# Exemptions

- **Medical:** Requires certificate signed by physician.
- **History of disease:** Requires a certificate signed by a physician.
  - *-Available for varicella, MMR, and hepatitis B.*
- **Personal belief & religious:** Requires certificate signed by parent/guardian.

# Thank you!

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