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 – 6th grade requirements:
  • DTaP – 5 doses
  • IPV – 4 doses
  • MMR – 2 doses
  • Hepatitis B – 3 doses
  • Chickenpox – 2 doses

• Additional 7th – 12th grade requirements:
  • Tdap – 1 dose
  • MCV4 – 1 dose for grades 7-10; 2 doses for grades 11-12
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 3rd dose on their fourth birthday, your child will only need three doses.
• 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 11th grade need two doses.
  - Children in 12th 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 1st, 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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