



Tdap and New MCV4 IMMUNIZATION FAQ

Parents of incoming 7th- through 12th-graders must provide documentation of immunization compliance (on physician letterhead and/or with physician signature) to the student's school of attendance as soon as possible. Students who have not provided documentation of the Tdap, MCV4 immunization, and other required immunizations may not be permitted to attend school until documentation of immunizations has been provided.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who needs the MCV4 immunization?

All incoming 7th-grade and 12th-grade students need the MCV4 (Meningococcal) immunization. Parents are encouraged to schedule an immunization appointment with their child's primary care physician before the first day of school.

Who needs the Tdap immunization?

All students in grades 7-12 need one dose of the Tdap vaccine.

Why does my child need the MCV4 and/or Tdap immunization?

The Ohio Department of Health requires all students in grades 7-12 to have one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) due to an increase in the numbers of cases of pertussis in children who have completed the initial series of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.

The Ohio Department of Health has also added MCV4 (Meningococcal) immunization to the list of requirements for students entering the 7th-grade and 12th-grade. Students entering grade 7 need one dose of MCV4. Students entering grade 12 need two doses of MCV4, unless they received the first dose after age 16.

I do not have a primary doctor. Is there a clinic where I can take my child to receive immunizations?

Yes, the Clermont County Immunization Clinic offers immunizations. The clinic is by appointment only, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and is located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive, Suite 200, 45103. To make an appointment or for fee information, call 735-8400. No child will be turned away due to an inability to pay. Vaccines can also be obtained from a local pharmacy, such as Kroger, CVS or Walgreens.

What other immunizations does my child need?

For a complete list of immunizations required for attendance in Ohio schools, [click here](#).

How do I let the school nurse know my child has received required immunizations?

Obtain a document on physician letterhead that shows the Tdap, MCV4, and other immunizations were administered. Return documentation to the school nurse/health aide at the child's school of attendance.

NAGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Fax: (513) 474-5584

ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL
Fax: (513) 232-2295

TURPIN HIGH SCHOOL
Fax: (513) 232-9047

AYER ELEMENTARY
Fax: (513) 474-7228

MADDUX ELEMENTARY
Fax: (513) 231-5308

MERCER ELEMENTARY
Fax: (513) 232-3156

SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY
Fax: (513) 231-3666

SUMMIT ELEMENTARY
Fax: (513) 474-1525

WILSON ELEMENTARY
Fax: (513) 231-3202

What if my child is not immunized?

Students who do not have proof of immunizations on file by the first day of school may be excluded from school.

For more information, parents should contact their primary care physician; the school nurse/health aide at their child's school; or Chris Wolfer, RN, school nurse, at 232-7770, ext. 2832 or christinewolfer@foresthills.edu.

Immunization Summary for School Attendance Ohio

| VACCINES | <i>FALL 2018</i> IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE |
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| DTaP/DT Tdap/Td Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis | <p><u>K</u> Four (4) or more doses of DTaP or DT, or any combination. If all four doses were given before the 4th birthday, a fifth (5) dose is required. If the fourth dose was administered at least six months after the third dose, and on or after the 4th birthday, a fifth (5) dose is not required. *</p> <p><u>1-12</u> Four (4) or more doses of DTaP or DT, or any combination. Three doses of Td or a combination of Td and Tdap is the minimum acceptable for children age seven (7) and up.</p> <p><u>Grades 7-12</u> One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered prior to entry. **</p> |
| POLIO | <p><u>K-8</u> Three (3) or more doses of IPV. The FINAL dose must be administered on or after the 4th birthday regardless of the number of previous doses. If a combination of OPV and IPV was received, four (4) doses of either vaccine are required. ***</p> <p><u>Grades 9-12</u> Three (3) or more doses of IPV or OPV. If the third dose of either series was received prior to the fourth birthday, a fourth (4) dose is required; If a combination of OPV and IPV was received, four (4) doses of either vaccine are required.</p> |
| MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella | <p><u>K-12</u> Two (2) doses of MMR. Dose one (1) must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after dose one (1).</p> |
| HEP B Hepatitis B | <p><u>K-12</u> Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose), must not be administered before age 24 weeks.</p> |
| Varicella (Chickenpox) | <p><u>K-8</u> Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine must be administered prior to entry. Dose one (1) must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three (3) months after dose one (1); however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.</p> <p><u>Grades 9-12</u> One (1) dose of varicella vaccine must be administered on or after the first birthday.</p> |
| MCV4 Meningococcal | <p><u>Grade 7-9</u> One (1) dose of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine must be administered prior to entry.</p> <p><u>Grade 12</u> Two (2) doses of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine must be administered prior to entry. ****</p> |

NOTES:

- Vaccine should be administered according to the most recent version of the *Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger* or the *Catch-up Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 4 Months Through 18 Years Who Start Late or Who Are More Than 1 Month Behind*, as published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Schedules are available for print or download at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.
- Vaccine doses administered ≤ 4 days before the minimum interval or age are valid (grace period). Doses administered ≥ 5 days earlier than the minimum interval or age are not valid doses and should be repeated as age-appropriate. If MMR and Varicella are not given on the same day, the doses must be separated by at least 28 days with no grace period.
- For additional information please refer to the Ohio Revised Code 3313.67 and 3313.671 for School Attendance and the ODH Director's Journal Entry (available at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov>, Immunization: Required Vaccines for Childcare and School). These documents list required and recommended immunizations and indicate exemptions to immunizations.
- Please contact the Ohio Department of Health Immunization Program at (800) 282-0546 or (614) 466-4643 with questions or concerns.

* Recommended DTaP or DT minimum intervals for kindergarten students four (4) weeks between doses 1-2 and 2-3; six (6) month minimum intervals between doses 3-4 and 4-5. If a fifth dose is administered prior to the 4th birthday, a sixth dose is recommended but not required.

** Pupils who received one dose of Tdap as part of the initial series are not required to receive another dose. Tdap can be given regardless of the interval since the last Tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine. DTaP given to patients age 7 or older can be counted as valid for the one-time Tdap dose.

*** The final polio dose in the IPV series must be administered at age 4 or older with at least six months between the final and previous dose.

**** Recommended MCV4 minimum interval of at least eight (8) weeks between dose one (1) and dose two (2). If the first (1st) dose of MCV4 was administered on or after the 16th birthday, a second (2nd) dose is not required. If a pupil is in 12th grade and is 15 years of age or younger, only 1 dose is required. Currently there are no school entry requirements for meningococcal B vaccine.