



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, see page two of this document.

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.

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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 Suzanne Ackel, RN, school nurse, at (513) 232-2772, ext. 2922 or suzanneackel@foresthills.edu.

Ohio Immunization Summary for School Attendance, 2026-2027



Vaccine/Grade	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	4 or more doses												
Hep B Hepatitis B	3 or more doses												
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2 doses												
Polio	3 or more doses												
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2 doses												
Tdap Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis								1 dose					
MCV4 Meningococcal ACWY								1st dose				2nd dose	

Important Notes:

- Vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four days before the minimum interval or age are valid (grace period). Doses administered greater than or equal to five days earlier than the minimum interval or age are not valid doses and should be repeated when 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](#) and the [Ohio Department of Health \(ODH\) Director's Journal Entry](#) regarding school immunization requirements, recommended vaccines, and exemptions to immunizations.
- Please contact the Ohio Department of Health Immunization Program at 800-282-0546 or 614-466-4643 with questions.**

Ohio School Immunization Requirement Details

DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Grades K-12 Four or more doses of DTaP or DT vaccine, or any combination. If all four doses were given before the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is required. If the fourth dose was administered at least six months after the third dose, and on or after the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is not required. <i>Recommended DTaP or DT minimum intervals for kindergarten students are four weeks between the first and second doses, and the second and third doses; and six months between the third and fourth doses and the fourth and fifth doses.</i>
Hep B Hepatitis B	Grades K-12 Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine. 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 eight weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose) must not be administered before age 24 weeks.
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	Grades K-12 Two doses of MMR vaccine. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose.
Polio	Grades K-12 Three or more doses of IPV vaccine. The FINAL dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday with at least six months between the final and previous dose, regardless of the number of previous doses. <i>If both tOPV and IPV were administered as part of a series, the total number of doses needed to complete the series is the same as that recommended for the U.S. IPV schedule. Only trivalent OPV (tOPV) counts toward the U.S. vaccination requirements. Doses of OPV administered before April 1, 2016, should be counted (unless specifically noted as administered during a campaign). Doses of OPV administered on or after April 1, 2016, should not be counted.</i>
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Grades K-12 Two doses of varicella vaccine must be administered prior to entry. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three months after the first dose; however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.
Tdap Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis	Grades 7-12 One dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered on or after the tenth birthday. Tdap can be given regardless of the interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine. <i>Children aged seven years or older with an incomplete history of DTaP should be given Tdap as the first dose in the catch-up series. If the series began at age seven to nine years, the fourth dose must be a Tdap given at age 11-12 years. If the third dose of Tdap is given at age 10 years, no additional dose is needed at age 11-12 years.</i>
Meningococcal Meningococcal ACWY	Grades 7-11 One dose of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine must be administered on or after the 10th birthday. Grade 12 Two doses of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine. Second dose on or after age 16 years. If the first dose was given on or after the 16th birthday, only one dose is required.