

Dear Parents and Guardians,

North Carolina requires vaccines records to be updated for students entering the 7th grade. Before your child entered Kindergarten, he or she most likely received all the listed immunizations except for the **Tdap booster and Meningococcal conjugate**. If your student has had a well check this year, they may have already received the needed vaccinations. The state requires us to have an updated copy of the immunization record for students entering the 7th grade. You will have **30 calendar days** from the first day of school to provide the required up-to-date immunization record for your child.

**Vaccination requirements for 7th grade age children can be found below:**

Vaccine	Number Doses Required Before 7th Grade School Entry*
<a href="#">Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis</a>	5 doses
<a href="#">Polio</a>	4 doses
<a href="#">Measles</a>	2 doses
<a href="#">Mumps</a>	2 doses
<a href="#">Rubella</a>	1 dose
<a href="#">Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)</a>	4 doses
<a href="#">Hepatitis B (Hep B)</a>	3 doses
<a href="#">Varicella (chickenpox)</a>	1 doses
<a href="#">Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis</a>	1 dose
<a href="#">Meningococcal conjugate</a>	1 dose

**Exemptions to vaccinations include:**

Medical exemption

A North Carolina physician can certify the vaccine is unsafe for the student to take. An example of this would be allergic reactions or immune system difficulties. The school will need a copy of the medical exemption form and the physician must call the North Carolina Immunization branch at (919-707-5550).

Religious exemption

If the bona fide religious beliefs of an adult or the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of a child are contrary to the immunization requirements contained in this Part, the adult or the child shall be exempt from the requirements. Upon submission of a written statement of the bona fide religious beliefs and opposition to the immunization requirements, the person may attend the college, university, school or facility without presenting a certificate of immunization.

Please contact your health care provider or local health department if your child needs these vaccines. For additional information about the vaccines and diseases they protect against visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s website at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html>. For more information you may also visit NC Health and Human Services (2018) <http://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncexemptions.htm>.

Thanks in advance for helping us meet our compliance with the state.  
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