

SCHOOL HEALTH

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Immunizations

It is no wonder that parents get confused when trying to figure out what immunizations their child needs in order to attend school - new requirements are added occasionally, and if you moved here from another state they may have different requirements. In Utah these are the current requirements:

- **5 DTP/DTaP/DT** (4 doses if 4th dose given on/after 4th birthday. 3 doses if 3rd dose given on/after 7th birthday. Last 2 must be at least 6 months apart.)
- **4 Polio** (3 doses if 3rd dose given on/after 4th birthday.)
- **2 MMR** (both must be given on/after 1st birthday at least 30 days apart or 3 will be required)
- **3 Hepatitis B** - Required for students born after July 1, 1993.
- **1 Varicella** (chickenpox) - history of chickenpox is OK (parent must sign verification statement on school immunization record) - Required for students born after July 1, 1996.
- **2 Hepatitis A** (1st dose must be given on/after 2nd birthday. 2nd dose is given a minimum of 6 month after first dose) - Required for students born after July 1, 1996.
- **PPD (TB test)** Required if foreign born (except Canada) and lived outside US within last 5 years. Also required if born in US and lived outside US (except Canada) for 6 months or more within last 5 years

You will notice the Hepatitis B requirement is only for those students born after July 1, 1993, and Hepatitis A and Varicella are only required for those students born after July 1, 1996.

A child may be allowed to attend school "conditionally" if at least one dose of each required immunization series has been completed and the child is currently on schedule to finish the rest. The remaining immunizations must be completed on schedule for the child to remain in attendance.

An appropriate Utah Department of Health Exemption Form must be completed for those children who claim exemption to immunization for medical, religious, or personal reasons. The Medical Exemption form will be available from your Doctor. The Religious and Personal Exemption form must be signed at the Utah County Health Department (151 So. University Ave, Provo).

It is the parent's responsibility to provide the school with the appropriate information. If we do not receive either the immunization information or a signed exemption form and the birth certificate, by Utah State Law your kindergarten student will not be allowed to attend until we do receive the missing data.