

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SCHOOL VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE IN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS - 2017/2018

Dear EEACS Parents/Guardians,

It's never too late for children to be ready for school! Plan ahead!

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has important additional vaccination(s) and mandated timeframe requirements.

NEW – Age appropriate dose(s) must be administered to the child by the first day of school or risk exclusion.

- If a child has not received a vaccine for which only a single-dose is required by the first day of attendance for that school year, the child may not be admitted to school.
- If a child does not have all the doses listed below, needs additional doses, and the next dose is medically appropriate, the child has five days to receive the vaccine or risk exclusion.
- If the required vaccine is not medically appropriate to be given within the first five days of school, a medical certificate is needed within the first five days of school outlining the plan to receive the required vaccine(s).
- The fifth day of school for EEACS students is Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s), are solely responsible for providing the school with medical records on mandated vaccinations and physicals **before the first day of school.** Contact your health care provider for these documents.



CHILDREN IN ALL GRADES:

- **NEW** - 4 dose of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

7TH GRADE STUDENTS:

Are required to have on the first day of 7th grade or risk exclusion:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)



These requirements allow for medical reasons and religious/philosophical beliefs. If your child is exempt from immunizations, he/she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 PA CODE CH.23 (School Immunization)

Contact your health care provider or 1-877- PA HEALTH for more information.

Additional medical requirements to be aware of:

The Pennsylvania Public School Code Section 1402. Health Services (e) requires that students upon original entry, sixth grade and 11th grade be given a "comprehensive appraisal" of their health. The physical is to be completed within 4 months prior to the start of the school year. In addition, Section 1402(c) requires the completion of medical questionnaires which are to become part of the student's health record.

This requirement may be completed by the student's primary care provider (MD, DO, CRNP, PA) or by the school provider.