

# Immunization Requirements 2026-27

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has established school immunization requirements for all students. The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in PA are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases. A child must have the required medically-appropriate vaccines or a plan to complete those vaccines or risk exclusion from school.

## Children in grades 7-12 need the following immunizations for attendance:

- 4 doses of tetanus \* (1 dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
  - 4 doses of diphtheria\* (1 dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
  - 4 doses of acellular pertussis\* (1 dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
  - 4 doses of polio (4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
  - 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (usually given as MMR)
  - 3 doses of hepatitis B
  - 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity
  - 2 doses meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> dose is given 11-15 years of age; a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12<sup>th</sup>
  - If the dose was given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required.
  - 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) – age 11 or older
- \* Usually given as DTaP or DTP or DT or Td

## RETURNING STUDENTS

If you submitted doctor's documentation of the administration of these vaccines previously to the York Catholic nurse, you do not need to repeat this step unless an additional booster or immunization is needed or has been given in the past year.

- Students entering grades 10, 11, & 12 – please note the dose requirements for the MCV vaccine.
- If any of the required immunizations will not be given by July 30, 2026, please have your child's physician email or fax the date and time of your child's appointment on your physician's office letterhead.

## NEW STUDENTS

All new students must submit doctor's documentation of the dates the above doses were administered to the York Catholic nurse.

- If any of the required immunizations will not be given by July 30, 2026, please have your child's physician email or fax the date and time of your child's appointment on your physician's office letterhead.

Under Pennsylvania state law, students without the required immunizations or a plan with scheduled dates of administration on file, cannot be admitted to school.

If you have any questions, please email the School Nurse at [nurse@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:nurse@yorkcatholic.org) or consult the PA Department of Health website at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/School.aspx>.

**Please return all immunization documentation to the York Catholic School Nurse by  
July 30, 2026**

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