

Immunization Information



All new incoming students are required to have proof of immunization into the school office prior to the first day of school. Iowa Administrative Code 641-7.5 requires all applicants or their parents/guardians to submit a valid Iowa Department of Public Health certificate of immunization to the admitting official of the school or licensed child care center in which the applicant wishes to enroll. Applicants not presenting proper evidence of immunization, or exemption, are not entitled to enrollment in elementary or secondary school under the provision of Iowa Code section 139A.9.

Immunization requirements for Kindergarten students:

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTP or DtaP): 5 doses, with at least 1 dose received on or after 4 years of age if the applicant was born on or after September 15, 2003.

Polio (OPV/IPV): 4 doses, with at least 1 does received on or after 4 years of age if the applicant was born after September 15, 2003.

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR): 2 doses, the first dose shall have been received on or after 12 months of age: the second dose shall have been received no less than 28 days after the first dose or typically after the age of 4 years.

Hepatitis B: 3 doses typically given at birth, 1-2 months of age and 6 months of age (please note that the child must be 24 weeks of age before the 3rd Hep B is given).

Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses received on or after 12 months of age if the applicant was born on or after September 15, 2003, unless the applicant has a reliable history of natural disease.

The Iowa Department of Public Health web site is a great tool if you have specific questions regarding immunization requirements. There is a section designated specifically for Preteen Immunizations that are not required by law for school but that are very important for your child to receive. The website is www.idph.state.ia.us