

Minnesota's School Immunization Law

Are Your Kids Ready for School?

Directions:

- Find the child's age/grade level and read across to the right.
 - Look to see whether the child had the number of shots shown by the checkmark(s) under each vaccine
- Note: Each row is meant to be read separately, so don't add up the columns of checkmarks under each vaccine
- Example: A preschooler needs 4 DTaP, then to enter kindergarten he or she needs 1 more DTaP, for a total of 5 (not 9)

	DTaP/Td diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Polio	MMR measles, mumps, rubella	Hib <i>Haemophilus</i> <i>influenzae</i> type b	Hepatitis B	Varicella * (Chickenpox)
Preschool	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓	at least ✓		✓
Kindergarten	✓✓✓✓✓ 5 th shot not needed if 4 th was after age 4	✓✓✓✓ 4 th polio not needed if 3 rd was after age 4	✓✓		✓✓✓	✓
Age 7 through 6th grade	at least ✓✓✓	at least ✓✓✓	✓			
7th through 12th grade	at least ✓✓✓ AND one Td shot required at age 11 or older**	at least ✓✓✓	✓✓		✓✓✓ 7th grade only***	✓ 7th grade only

* Varicella shot not required if child already had chickenpox disease.
 ** Unless a Td (tetanus and diphtheria) was given after the 7th birthday; then it must be repeated 10 years after the last dose.
 *** An alternate two-dose schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids from age 11 through 15 years.

To go to school in Minnesota, students must show they've had the immunizations or file a legal exemption with the school.

Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a conscientious objection signed by parent/guardian and notarized.

- ☞ Shots for pneumococcal disease are recommended for children under 5 years of age but are not required for school
- ☞ All children should be protected by hepatitis B shots - not just those required to have them by law.
- ☞ A yearly influenza shot is recommended, but not required, for children age 2 years and older who have chronic health conditions such as asthma and diabetes; talk to your child's doctor. It is also recommended for all children 6 to 23 months of age and anyone over the age of 23 months who wants to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with influenza.

For more information, call your doctor, clinic, or health plan.

Minnesota Department of Health, Immunization program
www.health.state.mn.us/immunize

