

MINIMUM NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION Kindergarten through Grade 12, 2008-09

| VACCINE | Number of Doses | Grades K-12 (5-18 Years of Age) |
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| | | <i>Vaccines administered ≤ 4 days before the minimum age are valid</i> |
| Pertussis | 5/6 | 5 DTaP or if dose 4 was administered \geq the 4 th birthday, the requirement is met. (DTaP is only licensed for children under 7 years of age). 1 Tdap for students entering 6 th , 7 th , 10 th and 11 th grades. (Tdap is only licensed for students 10 or 11 years of age and older). |
| Tetanus/Diphtheria | 3 to 5 | 5 DT or if dose 4 was administered \geq the 4 th birthday, the requirement is met. A student 7 to 9 years old who has had only a 2 doses of DTaP or DT (before the age of 7 years) can meet the tetanus/diphtheria requirement by receiving a dose of Td if it is given ≥ 6 months after the 2 nd dose. (Tdap can be given to students ≥ 10 or 11 years to complete the tetanus/diphtheria requirement). |
| Polio <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i> | 4 | If the 3 rd dose was administered ≥ 4 th birthday, only 3 doses are required. |
| Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i> | 2 | For school certification, the 1st dose cannot be administered more than 4 days before the 1 st birthday. The minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2 is ≥ 28 days. |
| Varicella (Chickenpox) <i>Documentation of disease from a health care provider (physician, RN or PA) is required or a laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i> | 1 or 2 | For school certification, the vaccine cannot be administered more than 4 days before the 1 st birthday. 2 doses are required for children entering K and 1 st grade. 1 dose is required for 2 nd thru 8 th grades. |
| Hepatitis B <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i> | 3 | However, the 2-dose series is acceptable for ages 11-15. 2 doses can only be accepted using the approved vaccine for the 2-dose series with proper documentation (name of the vaccine, dosage, dates, and interval). |

You must provide one of the following to your child's school in order to comply with the law:

1. A completed Certificate of Immunization certifying that the student has received minimum immunizations as indicated above.
2. If a student's Certificate of Immunization is not up to date, the parent, guardian, or emancipated student has 14 days after notification to provide documentation that the next required immunization was administered and submit a written plan for completion of any additional required immunizations. If the plan is not completed, the student shall be expelled or suspended from school for non-compliance. Exception to this is a shortage of vaccine.
3. Statement of Exemption to Immunization Law printed on the reverse side of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Certificate of Immunization:
 - a) a **medical** exemption signed by licensed physician stating that the student's physical condition is such that immunizations would endanger life or health or is otherwise medically contraindicated; or
 - b) a **religious** exemption signed by the parent, guardian, or emancipated student that the student adheres to a religious belief opposed to immunizations; or
 - c) a **personal** exemption signed by the parent, guardian, or emancipated student that the student adheres to a personal belief opposed to immunizations.

Immunization requirements will be strictly enforced for all students. Students who do not meet the requirements will be denied attendance according to Colorado Revised Statutes 25-4-902.



To learn where to obtain immunizations free or at low cost call the Family Health Line at 303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777.