



KANSAS SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT (Kindergarten-12th Grade) 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2017-2018 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations and the consensus of the Governor's Child Health Advisory Committee Immunization Workgroup. The current recommended and minimum interval immunization schedules may be found on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Immunization Schedules](#) webpage. The best disease prevention is achieved by adhering to the recommended schedule however, if a child falls behind, the minimum interval schedule is implemented. To avoid missed opportunities, immunization providers may use a 4 day grace period per age and interval between doses. In such cases, these doses may be counted as valid.

K.S.A 72-5208-5211a - Kansas Statutes Related to School Immunizations Requirements and K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines the immunizations required for school and early childhood program attendance published in [June 26, 2008 Kansas Register](#).

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP/Tdap):** Five doses required. Doses given at: Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6 months, Dose 4: 15-18 months (4th dose may be given at 12 months provided at least 6 months after dose 3) and Dose 5: prior to kindergarten entry. Four doses are acceptable if dose 4 is given after age 4 years. A single dose of **Tdap** is required at Grades 7-12 if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of interval since the last Td.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6-18 months, and dose 4 must be given 6 months after 3rd dose, after 4 years of age and prior to Kindergarten entry. Three doses are acceptable with one dose after 4 years of age, 6 months between 2nd and 3rd dose and final dose prior to Kindergarten entry. Students enrolled in Grade 7-12 with a complete minimum interval Polio series do not need to be recalled for additional doses. Guidance found on the back of the KCI and School Requirements FAQ on the [KDHE Immunization Program School Information](#) web page.
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella:** Two doses required. Dose 1: 12-15 months and Dose 2: prior to Kindergarten entry. Minimum age is 12 months of age and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days.
- **Hepatitis B:** Three doses required. Dose 1 given at birth, Dose 2: 2 months, and Dose 3: 6-18 months of age.
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** Two doses are required. Dose 1: 12-15 months and Dose 2: prior to Kindergarten entry. Students 12 years old and younger a 3 month interval is recommended however, upon record review the interval between doses may be as short as 28 days for the 2nd dose to be counted as valid. Students 13 years and older, a 28 day interval between doses is required. Please note that regardless of students' age, if first dose is at 12 months of age with 2nd dose 28 days after 1st dose, both doses are valid. No doses are required when student has history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician.

Legal alternatives to school vaccination requirements are found in [K.S.A. 72-5209](#).

In addition, to the immunizations required for school entry the following vaccines are recommended to protect students:

- **Meningococcal (MCV4):** One dose *recommended* at 11 years of age with a booster dose at 16 years of age.
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** Two doses *recommended* at 11 years of age.
- **Influenza:** Annual vaccination *recommended* for all ages \geq 6 months of age. Number of doses is dependent on age and number of doses given in previous years.

Vaccination efforts by school and public health officials, immunization providers, and parents are key to the success of protecting our children and communities from vaccine preventable disease. Thank you for your dedication.

**KANSAS LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS
OPERATED BY SCHOOLS IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS
2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2017-2018 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. The current immunization schedules, including catch up schedules, may be found on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Immunization Schedules](#) webpage. The best disease prevention is achieved by adhering to the recommended schedule however, if a child falls behind, the minimum interval schedule must be enforced. To avoid missed opportunities, immunization providers may use a 4 day grace period per age and interval between doses. In such cases, these doses may be counted as valid.

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for children attending child care facilities licensed by KDHE or early childhood programs operated by schools. The complete regulation is published in [June 26, 2008 Kansas Register](#).

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** Five doses required. Doses given at: Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6 months, Dose 4: 15-18 months (4th dose may be given at 12 months provided at least 6 months after dose 3) and Dose 5: prior to Kindergarten entry. Four doses are acceptable if Dose 4 is given after 4 years of age.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6 months, final dose must be given 6 months after 3rd dose, after 4 years of age and prior to Kindergarten entry. Three doses are acceptable with one dose after 4 years of age, 6 months between 2nd and 3rd dose, and final dose prior to Kindergarten entry.
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella:** Two doses required. Dose 1: 12-15 months and Dose 2: prior to Kindergarten entry. Minimum age is 12 months of age and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days.
- **Hepatitis B:** Three doses required. Dose 1: given at birth, Dose 2: 2 months, and Dose 3: 6-18 months of age.
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** Two doses required. Dose 1: 12-15 months and Dose 2: prior to Kindergarten entry. Minimum age is 12 months of age and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days. Children less than 13 years of age are recommended to have a 3 month interval between doses however; second dose is valid when administered 28 days after first dose. No doses required when student has history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician.
- **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):** Four doses required for children less than 5 years of age. Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6 months, and Dose 4: 12-15 months of age. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the type of vaccine administered and the age of the child when doses were given.
- **Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV):** Four doses required for children less than 5 years of age. Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6 months, and Dose 4: 12-15 months of age. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses were given.
- **Hepatitis A:** Two doses required for children less than 5 years of age. Dose 1: 12 -23 months of age, Dose 2: 6-18 months after dose 1. Children 24 months and older who have not received any doses must receive 2 doses spaced 6 months apart.

Legal alternatives to school vaccination requirements are found at [K.S.A. 72-5209](#).

In addition to the immunizations required for children attending child care facilities licensed by KDHE and early childhood programs operated by schools, other vaccine recommendations are:

- **Rotavirus:** Three doses *recommended* for < 8 months of age; not required.
- **Influenza:** Annual vaccination *recommended* for all ages \geq 6 months of age. Number of doses is dependent on age and number of doses given in previous years.

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KANSAS STATUTES RELATED TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

K.S.A. 72-5208. Health tests and inoculations; definitions.

As used in this act:

- (a) "School Board" means the board of education of a school district and the governing authority of any nonpublic school;
- (b) "school" means all elementary, junior high, or high schools within the state.
- (c) "local health department" means any county or joint board of health established under the laws of Kansas and having jurisdiction over the place where any pupil affected by this act may reside;
- (d) "secretary" means the secretary of the state department of health and environment;
- (e) "physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery

History: L. 1961, ch. 354, 1; L. 1978, ch. 291, 1; July 1. K.S.A.

72-5209. Health tests and inoculations; certification of completion required, alternatives; duties of school boards.

(a) In each school year, every pupil enrolling or enrolled in any school for the first time in this state, and each child enrolled for the first time in a preschool or day care program operated by a school, and such other pupils as may be designated by the secretary, prior to admission to and attendance at school, shall present to the appropriate school board certification from a physician or local health department that the pupil has received such tests and inoculations as are deemed necessary by the secretary by such means as are approved by the secretary. Pupils who have not completed the required inoculations may enroll or remain enrolled while completing the required inoculations if a physician or local health department certifies that the pupil has received the most recent appropriate inoculations in all required series. Failure to timely complete all required series shall be deemed non-compliance.

(b) As an alternative to the certification required under subsection (a), a pupil shall present:

(1) An annual written statement signed by a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child to be such that the tests or inoculations would seriously endanger the life or health of the child, or

(2) A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose religious teachings are opposed to such tests or inoculations

(c) On or before May 15th of each school year, the school board of every school affected by this act shall notify the parents or guardians of all known pupils who are enrolled or who will be enrolling in the school of the provisions of this act and of any policy regarding the implementation of the provisions of this act adopted by the school board.

(d) If a pupil transfers from one school to another, the school from which the pupil transfers shall forward with the pupil's transcript the certification or statement showing evidence of compliance with the requirements of this act to the school to which the pupil transfers.

History: L. 1961, ch. 354, 2; L. 1965, ch. 412, 1; L. 1970, ch. 283, 1; L. 1975, ch. 462, 107; L. 1978, ch. 291, 2; L., 1981, ch. 285, 1; L. 1993, ch. 89, 1; L. 1994, ch. 206, 1; July 1.

K.S.A. 72-5210. Same; duties of public health departments and officers; fees, exception to payment.

The county, city-county, or multi-county health department shall provide without delay, and to the extent that funds are available, the tests and inoculations required by this act to such pupils as are not provided therewith by their parents or guardians and who have not been exempted on religious or medical grounds. Such tests and inoculations may be provided on a sliding fee scale for administrative charges, with the exception that no child may be denied inoculations for inability to pay an administrative fee. The local health officer shall counsel and advise school boards concerning the administration of this act.

History: L. 1961, ch. 354, 3; L. 1965, ch. 412, 2; 1978, ch. 291, 3; L. 1980, ch. 182, 30; L. 1994, ch. 206, 2; July 1.

K.S.A. 72-5211. Same; duties of secretary; forms and certificates; regulations.

The secretary shall prescribe the content of forms and certificates to be used by school boards in carrying out this act and shall provide, without cost to the school boards, sufficient copies of this act for distribution to pupils. Schools shall utilize the reporting form adopted by the secretary for documentation of all immunizations. Audit information shall be obtained from this adopted form. The secretary may adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

History: L. 1961, ch. 354, 4; L. 1975, ch. 462, 108; L. 1978, ch. 291, 4; L. 1994, ch. 206, 3; July 1.

K.S.A. 72-5211a. Exclusion of pupils from school attendance; adoption of policy; notice; hearing; compulsory attendance law not applicable.

(a) The school board of every school affected by this act may exclude from school attendance, or by policy adopted by any such board, authorize any certificated employee or committee of certificated employees to exclude from school attendance, any pupil who has not complied with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-5209. A pupil shall be subjected to exclusion from school attendance under this section until such time as the pupil shall have complied with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-5209. The policy shall include provisions for written notice to be given to the parent or guardian of the involved pupil. The notice shall:

(1) Indicate the reason for the exclusion from school attendance,

(2) State the pupil shall continue to be excluded until the pupil has complied with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-5209, and

(3) Inform the parent or guardian that a hearing hereon shall be afforded the parent or guardian upon request therefore.

(b) The provisions of K.S.A. 72-1111 do not apply to any pupil while subject to exclusion from school attendance under the provisions of this section.

History: L. 1978, ch. 291, 5; L. 1981, ch. 285, 2; July 1.

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All students enrolling in any district school shall provide the building principal with proof of immunization of certain diseases or furnish documents to satisfy statutory requirements as stated in Kansas Statutes related to school immunizations. Booster shots required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment are also required.

As an alternative to the certification required, a pupil shall present:

- 1 An annual written statement signed by a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child to be such that the tests or inoculations would seriously endanger the life or health of the child, or
- 2 An annual written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose religious teachings are opposed to such tests or inoculations.

Students who fail to provide the documentation required by law will be excluded from school following 60 days from enrollment by the superintendent until statutory requirements are satisfied. Notice of exclusion shall be given to the parents/guardians as prescribed by law. Students who are not immunized against a particular disease(es) will be excluded from school during any outbreak as deemed necessary by the secretary of the Dept. of Health and Environment.

Parents may delegate in writing their authority to consent to immunizations. If the parent is not reasonably available, and the authority to consent has not been denied as provided in law, individuals other than the parent may consent to the immunizations as provided for in current law.

Each principal shall forward evidence of compliance with the inoculation law to other schools or school districts when requested by the school or by the student's parents/guardians.

A copy of this policy and the applicable state law shall be distributed to students, prospective students or their parents on or before May 15th of each school year.

Approved: 11/12/2012



Susan Mosier, MD, Secretary

Department of Health & Environment

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KANSAS CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATIONS - FORM B MEDICAL EXEMPTION

Student Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Telephone: _____

Medical exemption due to _____

For the following vaccine(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DTaP/DT | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tdap/Td | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pertussis Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal Conjugate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polio | <input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal Conjugate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MMR | <input type="checkbox"/> Varicella |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hib | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Papillomavirus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rotavirus | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

I certify the physical condition of this child to be such that the inoculation(s) specified on this form would seriously endanger the life or health of this child.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Medical License Number: _____ State of Licensure: _____

A Medical Doctor (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) must complete this affidavit. Annual medical exemptions shall be documented on this form and attached to the student's Kansas Certificate of Immunizations (KCI) form. Annual medical exemptions must be completed as long as the medical exemption is warranted.