

KANSAS SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations. The current recommended and minimum interval immunization schedules may be found on the [CDC webpage](#). The best disease prevention is achieved by adhering to the recommended schedule. However, if a child falls behind, the catch-up schedule is implemented. To avoid missed opportunities, immunization providers may use a 4-day grace period, in most instances, per age and interval between doses. In such cases, these doses may be counted as valid.

K.S.A. 72 - 6261 - Kansas Statutes Related to School Immunizations Requirements and K.A.R. 28-1-20, published July 19, 2019 in the Kansas Register, defines the immunizations required for school and early childhood program attendance.

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP/Tdap):** Five doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The 4th dose may be given as early as 12 months of age, if at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 3. The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older. A dose of **Tdap** is required at entry to 7th grade.
- **Hepatitis A (HepA):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12 months with a minimum interval of 6 months between the 1st and 2nd dose.
- **Hepatitis B (HepB):** Three doses required. Doses should be given at birth, 1-2 months, and 6-18 months. Minimum age for the final dose is 6 months.
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Minimum age is 12 months and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days.
- **Meningococcal-Serogroup A,C,W,Y (MenACWY):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years) and 11th grade (16-18 years). For children 16-18 years, with no previous MenACWY, only one dose is required.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6-18 months, and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Three doses are acceptable if 3rd dose was given after 4 years of age **and** at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 2.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox):** Two doses are required. Doses should be given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The 2nd dose may be administered as early as 3 months after the 1st dose, however, a dose administered after a 4-week interval is considered 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. 72-6262.

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

- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** Two doses *recommended* at 11 years of age or three doses if the series is started after 15 years.
- **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 diseases. Thank you for your dedication.

LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS OPERATED BY SCHOOLS IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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K.A.R. 28-1-20, published July 19, 2019 in the Kansas Register, defines the immunizations required for children attending child care facilities and early childhood programs licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** Five doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The 4th dose may be given as early as 12 months of age, if at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 3. The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older.
- **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):** Three to four doses required for children less than 5 years of age. Brands of vaccine approved for a three-dose series should be given at 2 months, 4 months, and 12-15 months. Brands of vaccine approved for a four-dose series should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 12-15 months. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the type of vaccine administered and the age of the child when doses were given.
- **Hepatitis A (HepA):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12 months with a minimum interval of 6 months between the 1st and 2nd dose.
- **Hepatitis B (HepB):** Three doses required. Doses should be given at birth, 1-2 months, and 6-18 months. Minimum age for the final dose is 6 months.
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Minimum age is 12 months and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days.
- **Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV):** Four doses required for children less than 5 years of age. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 12-15 months. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the age of the child when doses were given.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6-18 months, and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Three doses are acceptable if 3rd dose was given after 4 years of age **and** at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 2.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox):** Two doses are required. Doses should be given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The 2nd dose may be administered as early as 3 months after the 1st dose, however, a dose administered after a 4-week interval is considered 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 at K.S.A. 72-6262. 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:** Two or three doses are recommended for < 8 months of age; not required. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the type of vaccine administered and the age of the child when doses were given.
- **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. 72-6261. 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. 72-6262. 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. 72-6263. 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. 72-6264. 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. 72-6265. 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 school 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. 72-6262. A pupil shall be subject to exclusion from school attendance under this section until such time as the pupil shall have complied with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-6262. 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 that the pupil shall continue to be excluded until the pupil has complied with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-6262, and (3) inform the parent or guardian that a hearing thereon shall be afforded the parent or guardian upon request therefor.

(b) The provisions of K.S.A. 72-3120 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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**KANSAS CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATIONS - FORM B
MEDICAL EXEMPTION**

Student Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Telephone: _____

Medical exemption for the following vaccine(s):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <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: _____

PLEASE PRINT

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 for as long as the medical exemption is warranted.

KANSAS CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATIONS (KCI)

This record is part of the student's permanent record and shall be transferred from one school to another as defined in Section 72-6262 (d) of the Kansas School Immunization Law (amended 1994.)

Student Name: _____

Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ SEX: [] MALE [] FEMALE Race: _____ Ethnicity: _____ County: _____

<p style="text-align: center;">VACCINE</p>	RECORD THE MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR THAT EACH DOSE OF VACCINE WAS RECEIVED							
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
<p>DTaP/DT/Td/Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) Required for school entry. Single Tdap required for entry to 7th grade.</p>								
<p>Polio Required for school entry.</p>								
<p>HEP B (Hepatitis B) Required for school entry.</p>								
<p>Varicella (Chickenpox) Required for school entry.</p>								
<p>MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella combined) Required for school entry.</p>								
<p>Influenza (Flu) Recommended annually for ages 6 months of age and older. Not required for school entry.</p>								
<p>HIB (Haemophilus influenzae Type B) Required < 5 years of age for preschool or child care operated by a school.</p>								
<p>PCV (Pneumococcal Conjugate) Required < 5 years of age for preschool or child care operated by a school.</p>								
<p>HEP A (Hepatitis A) Required for school entry.</p>								
<p>MCV4 (Meningococcal -Serogroup ACWY) Required for school entry. Doses required for entry into 7th grade and 11th grade.</p>								
<p>HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Recommended at 11-12 years of age. Not required for school entry.</p>								
<p>Rotavirus Recommended < 8 months of age. Not required for school entry.</p>								
<p>LEGAL ALTERNATIVES TO VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS "KSA 72-6262"</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION</p> <p>KCI MAY ONLY BE SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN (MD/DO), HEALTH DEPT., OR SCHOOL.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I certify I reviewed this student's vaccination record and transcribed it accurately</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Agency Name: _____ Date: _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Authorized Representative: _____ Address: _____</p> <p>The record presented was:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kansas Immunization Record</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Immunization Record (Specify) _____</p> <p>1. "Annual written statement signed by a licensed physician (Medical Doctor(M.D. or Doctor of Osteopathy(D.O.) 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." Medical exemption shall be validated annually by physician completion of KCI Form B and attachment to the KCI.</p> <p>2. "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."</p>								

I give my consent for information contained on this form to be released to the Kansas Immunization Program for the purpose of assessment and reporting.

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Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____ Rev. 1/2020