

# REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR ENTRY INTO LOUISIANA DAYCARES/EARLY LEARNING CENTERS AND SCHOOLS

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| REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR ENTRY  |       |  |                     |             |                        |  |
|---|-------|--|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|
| Daycares/Early Learning Centers   |       | Grade K-12 Schools   |                     |             | Post-Secondary Schools |  |
| Immunizations   | Doses | Grades   | Immunizations       | Doses       | Immunizations          | Doses  |
| Child must be up to date on immunizations for their age according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s <a href="#">Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger</a> |       | Starting at Kindergarten <sup>[1]</sup> and all subsequent grades thereafter | DTaP <sup>[2]</sup> | 5           | MMR                    | 2  |
|   |       |  | HepA                | 2           |                        |  |
|   |       |  | HepB                | 3           |                        |  |
|   |       |  | IPV <sup>[3]</sup>  | 4           |                        |  |
|   |       |  | MMR                 | 2           |                        |  |
|   |       | VAR  | 2                   |             |                        |  |
| Starting at 6 <sup>th</sup> grade and all subsequent grades thereafter  |       |  | Tdap                | 1           | MenACWY                | 2 doses, or 1 dose if 1 <sup>st</sup> dose administered on or after age 16 |
|   |       |  | MenACWY             | 1           |                        |  |
| Starting at 11 <sup>th</sup> grade and all subsequent grades thereafter   |       |  | MenACWY             | Second Dose |                        |  |

[1] Entry requirement exception for students who are 4 years of age when entering kindergarten at start of school year: To attend kindergarten in Louisiana, students must be 5 years old by September 30 each school year. Therefore, there are instances where a student is still 4 years old when entering kindergarten. In these instances, the 4-year-old student may be admitted into kindergarten as long as a parent/guardian presents a record indicating that the student is in progress of receiving the required vaccinations. In these instances, follow-up from school staff must be provided for compliance with the above requirements.

[2] Those students who received their 4<sup>th</sup> dose of DTaP at age 4 or older do not need a 5<sup>th</sup> dose on record.

[3] Those students who received their 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of IPV at age 4 or older do not need a 4<sup>th</sup> dose on record.

Note: Students may participate in school without the required immunizations listed above if a written statement of exemption is presented by a physician, the individual, or the individual’s parent/guardian. Any communication issued to persons or their parents or guardians relative to the requirements shall include the text and legal citation of Section 1 of Louisiana Revised Statute 17:170 (E): *No person attending or seeking to enter any school or facility enumerated in Subsection A of this Section shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Section including any additional immunization or proof of immunity requirement adopted pursuant to the provisions of this Section, if the person is a distance learner or if the student person or his parent or guardian submits either a written statement from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons, or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian.*

**ABBREVIATIONS:** DTaP DIPHTHERIA-TETANUS-ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACCINE; Tdap TETANUS AND DIPHTHERIA TOXOIDS AND ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACCINE; HepA HEPATITIS A VACCINE; HepB HEPATITIS B VACCINE; IPV INACTIVATED POLIOVIRUS VACCINE; MMR MEASLES-MUMPS-RUBELLA VACCINE; MenACWY MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE; VAR VARICELLA VACCINE.