

California: New Law ([SB 277](#)) Effective in 2016 - No longer permit immunization exemptions based on personal beliefs for children in child care and public and private schools for currently required vaccines. Permit personal belief exemptions submitted before January 1, 2016 to remain valid until a pupil reaches kindergarten or 7th grade. Allow medical and personal beliefs exemptions from any new immunization requirement initiated by CDPH for attendance at school or child care.

Colorado: [Changes](#) that some parents may notice for the 2015-16 school year may include: 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine are now required for all K through 12th grade students

3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine must follow correct spacing between vaccines as well as correct ages.

MMR and Varicella – first doses must be given no more than 4 days before the first birthday. If vaccine is given more than 4 days before the 1st birthday they are NOT valid and are to be repeated.

Idaho: Children admitted to [7th grade](#) must meet the following minimum immunization requirements in addition to school entry requirements: (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) (1) Meningococcal - This requirement will be extended to: 7th-11th grade students in 2015, and 7th-12th grade students in 2016.

Illinois: [Meningococcal Disease](#) - Beginning with the school year 2015-2016, any child entering the sixth grade shall show proof of having received one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after the 11th birthday.

Any child entering the 12th grade shall show proof of having received two doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine prior to entering the 12th grade. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16th birthday, at least eight weeks after the first dose. If the first dose is administered when the child is 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required.

[Religious Exemptions](#) are now required to be signed by a healthcare provider as of August 3, 2015.

Kansas: Parental history of [chickenpox disease](#) is no longer accepted. History of disease must be documented by a physician or Local Health Department. Update 2-26-2015

[Wichita](#) school district students who aren't up to date on their required immunizations will be excluded from school beginning November 16.

Maryland: [REMINDER](#) for the 2015-16 school year; 2 doses of Varicella vaccine for entry into Kindergarten AND 1st Grade, 1 dose of Tdap vaccine for entry into 7th AND 8th grades, 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine for entry into 7th AND 8th grades.

Massachusetts:

Phase-In Schedule for MMR, Varicella, and Tdap Vaccines 2015 - 2017

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
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| 2 MMR and 2 Varicella | K-4 and 7-11 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science | K-5 and 7-12 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science | K-12 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science |
| Tdap | Grades 7-11 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science | Grades 7-12 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science | Grades 7-12 College: full-time freshmen-graduates; all health science |

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program 2015

Montana: The 2015 Montana Legislature revised school immunization requirements for school attendance through the passage of [House Bill \(HB\) 158](#). The law, signed by the Governor and effective October 1, 2015, requires students attending school be vaccinated against varicella disease (chickenpox) and receive a booster of pertussis vaccine at 7th grade.

New York: [Several changes](#) have been made to the school immunization requirements for the 2015- 16 school year. [2015-2016](#)

If students entering grades 8 through 12 (or comparable age level grade equivalents) in the 2015-16 school year satisfied the immunization dose requirements in effect, in regulation on June 30, 2014, then they are in compliance with the immunization requirements for school entrance and attendance until they graduate from school.

Students entering kindergarten through grade 7 in the 2015-2016 school year must have received, in accordance with ACIP minimum intervals:

TWO doses of measles-containing vaccine, two doses of mumps containing vaccine, and at least one dose of rubella-containing vaccine. (This requirement may also be satisfied by two doses of MMR vaccine.)

FIVE doses of DTaP vaccine. (However, if the fourth dose of DTaP was given at four years of age or older, then only four doses will be required. The final dose of vaccine must be received no sooner than four years of age.)

Students entering kindergarten and grades 1, 6, and 7 in the 2015-16 school year are required to have:

FOUR doses of poliomyelitis vaccine in accordance with ACIP minimum intervals. (However, if the third dose was given at four years of age or older, then only three doses will be required. The final dose of vaccine must be received no sooner than four years of age, with the exception of students that received dose four prior to August 7, 2010.)

As students enrolling in these grades move up a grade level each year, the students enrolling in those higher grades, or grade equivalent, will also be covered by this requirement. All other vaccine requirements established for the 2014-15 school year remain in effect.

To clarify the phase-in schedule for the new immunization requirements, refer to this chart:

School Year 2015 – 2016: K, 1, 2*, 3*, 4*, 5*, 6, 7

School Year 2016 – 2017: K, 1, 2, 3*, 4*, 5*, 6, 7, 8

School Year 2017 – 2018: K, 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5*, 6, 7, 8, 9

School Year 2018 – 2019: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

School Year 2019 – 2020: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

School Year 2020 – 2021: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

*Students in starred grades will not be required to provide proof of a second dose of varicella nor a fourth dose of poliomyelitis vaccine at ACIP minimum intervals.

***Children entering or attending seventh and twelfth grades on or after **September 1, 2016** are required to receive an adequate dose or doses of vaccine against meningococcal disease.

North Dakota: For the [2015-16](#) school year, two doses of varicella vaccine are required for kindergarten through seventh grade. If a child has a reliable history of chickenpox disease, the child is exempt from the vaccine requirement.

For the 2015-16 school year, one dose of varicella vaccine is required of children attending eighth through eleventh grade. If a child has a reliable history of chickenpox disease, the child is exempt from the vaccine requirement.

Oregon: [Senate Bill 895](#) is a new law about school immunizations for 2015-2016. Key changes made by Senate Bill 895:

1. Religious exemptions signed prior to March 1, 2014, are no longer valid. Parents will be required to turn in documentation of immunization or complete the new process for a nonmedical exemption prior to Exclusion Day in February 2016.
2. Schools and children's facilities (preschools, Head Starts and certified child care programs) will be required to have their immunization and exemption rates available at their main offices, on their websites, and for parents on paper or electronic format.

Pennsylvania: [Changes](#) will be coming for the next school year. Students will have to get their final dose, or show a doctor's plan for completing the immunizations, within five school days. The new rules also require an additional vaccine for pertussis, or whooping cough as well as a dose of meningococcal vaccine for students before they enter 12th grade. These changes would apply to all public, private and parochial schools, as well as cyber and charter schools.

Rhode Island: A [3-dose HPV](#) immunization requirement is being phased in. For fall 2015, 1 dose will be required for 7th graders. For fall 2016, one dose will be required for 7th graders and

2 doses will be required for 8th graders. For fall 2017, 1 dose will be required for 7th graders, 2 doses will be required for 8th graders, and 3 doses will be required for 9th graders.

South Carolina:

Changes for the 2015-2016 School Year

- 11th grade has been added to the requirement for four (4) doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis.
- 1st grade has been added to the requirement for (2) doses of Varicella. A child with a positive history of the disease is considered immune and is exempt from this requirement.
- 3rd grade has been added to the requirement for three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated Polio vaccine **with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday.**
- 9th grade has been added to the requirement for (1) Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster. Tdap is routinely administered at 11-12 years of age; however, a dose administered on or after the seventh birthday will meet this requirement.
- A hepatitis B third dose minimum age and interval has been added to school attendance minimum requirements (third dose received \geq 24 weeks of age and at least 16 weeks after the first dose).
- Doses documented on the immunization certificate must be valid doses according to accepted practice standards for the minimum age(s) and intervals. The "Minimum Ages and Intervals Between Doses of Routinely Recommended Vaccines" table is enclosed for your reference.

Utah: Students entering Kindergarten and 7th grade for the [2015-2016](#) school year will be required to have two doses of the Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Students entering 7th grade must have one dose of the meningococcal vaccine.

Vermont: In May 2015, Vermont lawmakers voted to remove the philosophical exemption effective July 1, 2016. [FAQ](#)

Washington: In school year [2016-2017](#), all students in 9th – 12th grade will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine.