

# Enrolling Your Child in School

## Getting Their Certificate of Health Examination

The Certificate of Child Health Examination is a required form for students entering or transferring to Illinois schools and at the below critical grade levels. It is not the same as a Sports Physical form, and must be signed by a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), or nurse practitioner (APRN). Full, printed vaccine records may be turned in with the Certificate of Child Health Examination.



## Illinois Public & Private School Minimum Immunization Requirements by Grade



### Child Care Facility, Preschool, Early Childhood, & Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Parents or caregivers must submit a complete medical file, including the following immunizations by the first day.

DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	4 doses, with 3 doses by their 1st birthday, and 1 additional dose by their 2nd birthday.
Hepatitis B (Hep B)*	3 doses, with the 3rd dose administered on or after 24 weeks of age.
Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)*†	3–4 doses, given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months (depending on brand of vaccine), and 12–15 months.
Pneumococcal (PCV)*†	4 doses, given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 12–15 months.
Polio (IPV)	3 doses, 2 by the child’s 1st birthday and 1 by their 2nd birthday.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1 dose, no earlier than their 1st birthday. Earlier doses will not be counted for school requirements.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose, on or after 1st birthday.



### Kindergarten (Entry to School)

Students must provide proof of having received these immunizations, in addition to those required for Pre-K.

DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	4 or more doses, the last booster must be given on or after the child’s 4th birthday.
Polio (IPV)	4 doses, the 4th dose must be given on or after the child’s 4th birthday.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses, the 1st dose on or after their 1st birthday and the 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2 doses, the 1st dose on or after their 1st birthday and the 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.



### 6th Grade (Middle School)

Students must provide proof of having received these immunizations, in addition to those required for kindergarten.

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)	1 dose, on or after their 11th birthday.
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	3 doses
Meningococcal (MCV4)	1 dose, on or after their 11th birthday.



### 12th Grade (High School Senior)

Students must provide proof of having received these immunizations, in addition to those required for 6th grade.

Meningococcal (MCV4)	1 dose on or after their 16th birthday.
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### Recommended But Not Required Immunizations

These are vaccines can also help keep your children, your school system, and your family healthy.

Influenza (Flu)	1 dose, every year for everyone aged 6 months and older.
COVID-19	1 dose, every year for everyone aged 6 months and older.
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Recommended for everyone between ages 9 and 26, ideally at age 9-12 years Depending on the timing of their 1st dose, they may need 2 or 3 doses.
Hepatitis A (Hep A)	Recommended as a 2 dose series, beginning at 12 months of age.
Meningococcal B (MenB)	Required for some college programs.

Together, we can help all children enroll, grow, and thrive!  
If you’re unsure of your child’s vaccine status, ask their pediatrician!



\* Indicates the immunization is not required for kindergarten entry.  
† The total number of doses may differ and must be verified by your doctor if on a catch-up schedule.