

# IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

An official Tennessee Certificate of Immunizations is required for entry into school and is only available from a private healthcare provider or from the Putnam County Health Department. **State law requires that the completed certificate must be provided to the school before the child can attend school.**

## Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten

Children Entering Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten the following vaccinations are required:

- Diphtheria-tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate)
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (1 dose of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Varicella (1 dose or history of disease)
- Haemophilus influenzae type B (HIB): age younger than 5 years only
- Hepatitis B (HBV) (July 1, 2010)
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV): age younger than 5 years only (July 1, 2010)
- Hepatitis A (1 dose, required by 18 months of age or older (July 1, 2010))

## Kindergarten

Children enrolling in Kindergarten the following vaccinations are required:

- Diphtheria-tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate)
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2 doses of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday now required
- Varicella (2 doses or history of disease) previously only one dose was required
- Hepatitis A (2 doses): effective July 1, 2011

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

The new Certificate of Immunization showing that your child has met the new immunization requirements is required for entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade and should be available from your child's medical provider or the Putnam County Health Department.

Children currently enrolled in a Tennessee school and entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade must show proof of two new immunizations:

- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster (Tdap)
- Verification of immunity to varicella ( 2 doses or history of disease)

### **Students New to TN Schools (Other than Kindergarten)**

Children who are new enrollees in a TN school (other than kindergarten)

- Diphtheria-tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate)
- Hepatitis B (HBV) previously only for Kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday required
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2 doses of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Varicella (2 doses or history of disease): previously only one dose was required

In addition to the above listed immunizations, new enrollees into 7<sup>th</sup> grade will also need :

- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster (Tdap)

Children with **medical or religious** exemption to requirements:

- Medical: Healthcare provider must indicate which specific vaccines are medically exempted (because of risk or harm) on the new form. Other vaccines remain required.
- Religious: Requires only a signed statement by the parent/guardian that vaccination conflicts with their religious tenets or practices. If documentation of a health examination is required, it must be noted by the health care provider on the immunization certificate, In that case, the provider may explain the absence of immunization information by checking that the parent has obtained a religious exemption.