

State of Rhode Island:

Department of Health Required immunizations for students

Requirements for students entering pre-kindergarten

- 4 doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 3 doses of Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) vaccine
- 1 dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- 4 doses of Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (not routinely given to healthy children 5 years of age and older)
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine
- 1 dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine

Requirements for students entering grades K-6th

- **All immunizations listed for pre-kindergarten**
- 1 dose of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- 1 dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- 1 dose of Polio vaccine
- 1 dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine

Requirements for students entering grades 7-12

- **All immunizations listed for grades K-6th**
- 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine
- HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine (1 dose by 7th grade; 2 doses by 8th grade; 3 doses by 9th grade)
- Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4) vaccine (1 dose by grade 7; 1 booster required on or after age 16 or before entering 12th grade)
- *Note: Per current ACIP recommendations, 2 doses of HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine (if series is started at age 14 or younger)

An annual influenza (flu) vaccination is RECOMMENDED for all children ages 6 month- 18 years.

A current physical examination is REQUIRED for all new students entering the Bristol-Warren Regional School District.

Any questions regarding your child's health information should be directed to the school nurse where you student will be attending.

Exemptions

Students and children in child care (day care) and pre-kindergarten facilities can be exempted from required immunizations for religious, medical, or temporary reasons. A medical exemption certificate must be signed by a medical provider.

- [Religious exemption](#)
- [Medical exemption](#)
- [Temporary exemption](#)

Other ways to meet the immunization requirements

- Students and child care workers do not need to get the immunizations listed above if they have already received them. This can be demonstrated with an immunization record, a medical passport, or any other official record that shows the month, day, and year of the vaccinations.
- Students and child care workers do not need to get the immunizations listed above if they cannot receive them for medical reasons. A healthcare provider can provide paperwork stating that someone cannot be vaccinated against a particular disease for medical reasons.